

## 1.—Index Numbers of Rates of Wages for Various Classes of Labour in Canada, 1913-38.

NOTE.—Rates of wages in 1913=100. Index numbers for 1901-12 are given at p. 674 of the 1932 Year Book.

Year.	Building Trades.	Metal Trades.	Printing Trades.	Electric Railways.	Steam Railways.	Coal Mining.	Common Factory Labour.	Miscellaneous Factory Trades.	Logging and Saw-milling.	General Average, Weighted. <sup>1</sup>
1913.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1914.....	100.8	100.5	102.4	101.0	101.4	101.9	101.0	103.2	94.7	101.3
1915.....	101.5	101.5	103.6	97.8	101.7	102.3	101.0	108.2	89.1	102.2
1916.....	102.4	106.9	105.8	102.2	105.9	111.7	110.4	115.1	109.5	109.5
1917.....	109.0	128.0	111.3	114.6	124.6	130.8	129.2	138.0	130.2	125.6
1918.....	125.9	155.2	123.7	142.9	158.0	157.8	152.3	146.8	150.5	147.2
1919.....	148.2	180.1	145.9	183.2	183.9	170.5	180.2	180.2	169.8	173.4
1920.....	180.9	209.4	184.0	194.2	221.0	197.7	215.3	216.8	202.7	207.7
1921.....	170.5	186.8	193.3	192.1	195.9	208.3	190.6	202.0	152.6	189.9
1922.....	162.5	173.7	192.3	184.4	184.4	197.8	183.0	189.1	158.7	180.2
1923.....	166.4	174.0	198.9	186.2	186.4	197.8	181.7	196.1	170.4	184.2
1924.....	169.7	175.5	191.9	186.4	186.4	192.4	183.2	197.6	183.1	186.4
1925.....	170.4	175.4	192.8	187.8	186.4	167.6	186.3	195.5	178.7	185.1
1926.....	172.1	177.4	193.3	188.4	186.4	167.4	187.3	196.7	180.8	186.3
1927.....	179.3	178.1	195.0	189.9	198.4	167.9	187.7	199.4	182.8	190.4
1928.....	185.6	180.1	198.3	194.1	198.4	168.9	187.1	200.9	184.3	192.2
1929.....	197.5	184.6	202.3	193.6	204.3	188.9	187.8	202.1	185.6	196.0
1930.....	203.2	186.6	203.3	199.4	204.3	169.4	188.2	202.3	183.9	197.1
1931.....	198.7	182.9	205.1	198.6	199.2	169.4	183.4	197.3	168.0	189.1
1932.....	173.2	174.7	194.2	191.1	188.9	164.0	173.6	184.3	141.8	177.7
1933.....	158.0	169.2	184.3	182.7	179.7	161.9	168.1	175.7	121.7	168.3
1934.....	154.8	168.0	183.5	182.4	173.7	162.9	170.8	180.5	145.1	170.5
1935.....	159.8	169.7	184.5	183.7	183.9	165.8	174.9	184.7	152.3	175.4
1936.....	160.8	170.1	185.2	185.5	183.9	165.9	179.7	188.8	165.9	178.6
1937.....	165.3	187.4	187.8	190.5	196.1	166.8	195.5	203.7	188.1	191.7
1938.....	160.4	189.3	190.7	193.7	204.3	174.4	199.7	210.3	197.2	199.4

<sup>1</sup> Weighted according to average numbers of workers in each group in 1921 and 1931.

Rates of wages and hours of labour in 1938 in various trades in the largest cities of the five economic areas of Canada will be found in Table 2. For statistics of the wages and hours of employees of steam railways and wages of employees in and about coal mines in Canada, see pp. 751-752 of the 1930 Year Book, where the rates etc., for the seven or eight years prior to 1929, are given. Wages in coal mines of Nova Scotia were reduced 10 p.c. in 1932, and in Drumheller, Alta., in 1933; in 1935 in both districts 5 p.c. was restored. On steam railways deductions of 10 p.c. were in effect during 1932, 1933, 1935, and 1936; 15 p.c. in 1934; running trades 20 p.c. for six months in 1933. In 1937 the deduction was reduced gradually from 10 p.c. to 4 p.c. On Feb. 1, 1938, the deduction became 2 p.c., and the basic rates were restored Apr. 1. In editions of the Year Book prior to 1933, a table showing the wages and hours of common labour in factories for certain cities is given in this section. The information for 1938 will be found at p. 66 of *Wages and Hours of Labour in Canada*, published as a supplement to the *Labour Gazette* for March, 1939. For the five cities of Table 2 it is included under sub-heading 5 of the stub.

The attention of those specially interested in the subject of wages and hours is directed to the valuable detailed study, *Wages and Hours of Labour in Canada, 1929, 1937 and 1938*, published by the Department of Labour as a supplement to the *Labour Gazette* for March, 1939.