

In each of the economic areas manufacturing generally was brisker than in 1939 and, except in the Prairie Provinces, was also more active than in any other year of the record; in the Prairie Provinces the latest index was lower than that for 1929. There was also general improvement in trade and services. Logging in British Columbia was unchanged, but elsewhere afforded considerably more employment. There were moderate gains in mining, except in British Columbia, where a slight falling-off was indicated; transportation in that Province was also an exception, showing a slackening instead of the upward trend elsewhere noted. Building in most provinces was active, but curtailment in work on the highways in the Maritime Provinces, Quebec and British Columbia resulted in a smaller volume of employment in construction as a whole. In Ontario, however, building operations were somewhat brisker, while in the Prairie Provinces little change was shown in construction.

1.—Index Numbers of Employment as Reported by Employers in Economic Areas, by Months, 1939 and 1940, with Yearly Averages Since 1929

NOTE.—These indexes are calculated as at the first day of each month, on the base 1926=100. The relative weights show the proportions of employees reported in each economic area to the total reported by all employers making returns in Canada at Dec. 1, 1939. Averages for 1921-28, inclusive, are given at p. 770 of the 1938 Year Book.

Year and Month	Maritime Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada
Averages, 1929.....	114.8	113.4	123.1	126.3	111.5	119.0
Averages, 1930.....	118.3	110.3	114.6	117.1	107.9	113.4
Averages, 1931.....	108.1	100.9	101.2	111.5	95.5	102.5
Averages, 1932.....	92.2	85.5	88.7	90.0	80.5	87.5
Averages, 1933.....	85.3	82.0	84.2	86.2	78.0	83.4
Averages, 1934.....	101.0	91.7	101.3	90.0	90.4	96.0
Averages, 1935.....	103.7	95.4	103.3	95.2	97.7	99.4
Averages, 1936.....	109.4	100.7	106.7	99.3	101.1	103.7
Averages, 1937.....	121.0	115.4	118.3	99.3	106.8	114.1
Averages, 1938.....	111.5	117.0	113.7	100.0	104.2	111.8
1939						
January 1.....	109.2	114.9	108.8	97.1	98.0	108.1
February 1.....	100.5	113.0	109.2	93.9	96.2	106.5
March 1.....	101.2	112.8	109.1	94.3	96.7	106.5
April 1.....	99.7	109.4	108.0	91.7	100.5	104.9
May 1.....	100.2	111.6	107.9	94.5	103.3	106.2
June 1.....	108.4	121.0	113.6	101.0	106.6	113.1
July 1.....	115.9	124.0	114.7	104.0	111.0	115.8
August 1.....	115.6	126.4	114.2	109.4	117.0	117.5
September 1.....	116.4	128.5	116.2	114.0	116.6	119.6
October 1.....	117.9	126.4	121.4	116.4	118.7	121.7
November 1.....	117.9	131.5	124.4	112.7	115.5	123.6
December 1.....	123.0	130.3	124.5	108.9	110.0	122.7
Averages, 1939.....	110.5	120.8	114.3	103.2	107.5	113.9
1940						
January 1.....	118.9	120.7	120.9	103.3	97.6	116.2
February 1.....	118.4	116.0	120.2	100.8	100.0	114.4
March 1.....	116.0	114.3	120.0	98.5	101.8	113.5
April 1.....	111.8	112.2	118.8	96.7	102.8	111.9
May 1.....	112.8	113.9	121.0	100.2	107.2	114.3
June 1.....	117.0	123.0	126.6	107.4	112.0	120.9
July 1.....	124.0	126.6	129.6	112.4	114.8	124.7
August 1.....	124.5	130.6	132.8	114.9	119.0	127.9
September 1.....	127.3	136.4	134.8	117.0	126.7	131.6
October 1.....	128.2	142.8	140.9	118.1	127.8	136.2
November 1.....	133.8	148.7	142.5	119.7	126.3	139.2
December 1.....	133.2	149.7	142.7	118.8	123.6	139.1
Averages, 1940.....	122.2	127.9	129.2	109.0	113.3	124.2
Relative weights of employment in economic areas, as at Dec. 1, 1940.....	7.3	31.5	41.8	11.4	8.0	100.0