

Employment by Cities.—In the eight leading industrial cities for which statistics are segregated—Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, Windsor, Winnipeg and Vancouver—employment advanced substantially during 1940, as would be expected in view of the considerable concentration of manufacturing activities in the more populous areas.* Recorded gains over 1939 ranged from 5.7 p.c. in Quebec city and 7.6 p.c. in Winnipeg, to 20 p.c. in Hamilton and 20.8 p.c. in Windsor. The general increase in the cities was 10.3 p.c., as compared with a gain of 7.8 p.c. in other parts of Canada, while the increase in the Dominion as a whole was 9 p.c. Nevertheless, the composite index for the eight leading cities, at 118.9, was below that for other parts of Canada, and also lower than the general index for the Dominion; the discrepancy, however, was the smallest since 1933. Prior to that, the index number for the eight leading cities as a whole was slightly above the Canada figure.†

On the whole, employment during 1940 in manufacturing, communications, trade, services, and construction for the larger cities was not so active as elsewhere in the Dominion—a trend that is apparent also for immediately preceding years. The greatest difference is noticeable in the construction industry for which the index for the eight cities averaged 62.1 compared with a Dominion average of 90.7. In building, the figure stood at 64.7 for the eight cities as against 83.5. In transportation, however, employment in the cities has, in recent years, been more favourable, the index, at 92.7, being a few points above the total index of 89.7.

* In 1940, just under 50 p.c. of all employees reported by factories were in these eight centres.

† See analysis in the bulletin "The Employment Situation in Canada during 1940", published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

2.—Index Numbers of Employment as Reported by Employers in Leading Cities, 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 city to the total reported by all employers making returns in Canada at Dec. 31, 1939. Averages for 1921-28, inclusive, are given at p. 772 of the 1938 Year Book.

| Year and Month | Montreal | Quebec | Toronto | Ottawa | Hamilton | Windsor | Winnipeg | Vancouver |
|--------------------------|----------|--------|---------|--------|----------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Averages, 1929 | 115.3 | 124.2 | 121.3 | 120.7 | 128.4 | 153.2 | 112.3 | 109.2 |
| Averages, 1930 | 111.8 | 125.3 | 116.3 | 123.1 | 113.9 | 128.6 | 107.6 | 109.8 |
| Averages, 1931 | 102.5 | 122.2 | 107.7 | 119.5 | 101.3 | 88.3 | 97.1 | 104.5 |
| Averages, 1932 | 88.1 | 101.8 | 95.2 | 99.3 | 83.7 | 78.4 | 86.6 | 88.5 |
| Averages, 1933 | 81.0 | 95.1 | 87.5 | 90.2 | 74.6 | 75.9 | 80.2 | 83.0 |
| Averages, 1934 | 84.5 | 95.1 | 93.5 | 99.5 | 84.1 | 93.1 | 82.9 | 87.4 |
| Averages, 1935 | 87.3 | 96.9 | 97.5 | 102.2 | 92.6 | 115.0 | 87.8 | 96.6 |
| Averages, 1936 | 92.1 | 95.2 | 101.5 | 106.3 | 98.3 | 121.3 | 92.3 | 103.7 |
| Averages, 1937 | 101.2 | 109.3 | 107.9 | 107.9 | 112.1 | 146.4 | 95.1 | 110.7 |
| Averages, 1938 | 103.9 | 107.5 | 107.3 | 105.0 | 106.8 | 138.3 | 93.1 | 109.1 |
| 1939 | | | | | | | | |
| January 1 | 100.4 | 119.7 | 107.3 | 104.3 | 97.9 | 150.2 | 90.6 | 106.8 |
| February 1 | 102.6 | 117.0 | 105.7 | 103.1 | 96.9 | 140.5 | 89.1 | 106.7 |
| March 1 | 101.4 | 117.9 | 105.3 | 105.3 | 97.4 | 139.1 | 88.5 | 106.4 |
| April 1 | 102.2 | 118.1 | 106.1 | 107.3 | 99.1 | 139.1 | 88.3 | 107.4 |
| May 1 | 104.5 | 122.8 | 107.6 | 106.4 | 102.3 | 140.8 | 90.0 | 110.3 |
| June 1 | 108.7 | 124.2 | 109.2 | 109.8 | 104.6 | 136.4 | 92.4 | 109.9 |
| July 1 | 108.3 | 127.4 | 109.4 | 111.8 | 105.7 | 114.7 | 94.3 | 112.6 |
| August 1 | 107.6 | 126.9 | 108.6 | 110.2 | 102.1 | 112.1 | 96.5 | 115.1 |
| September 1 | 109.3 | 127.8 | 110.5 | 108.6 | 101.8 | 115.2 | 98.2 | 117.2 |
| October 1 | 110.2 | 111.5 | 114.1 | 111.1 | 108.2 | 124.8 | 98.8 | 115.8 |
| November 1 | 110.7 | 111.6 | 117.4 | 113.1 | 112.8 | 140.4 | 99.3 | 114.8 |
| December 1 | 112.7 | 110.6 | 117.7 | 109.5 | 116.1 | 147.9 | 100.6 | 113.7 |
| Averages, 1939 | 106.6 | 119.6 | 109.9 | 108.4 | 103.7 | 133.4 | 93.9 | 111.4 |