

23.—Strikes and Lockouts, by Industries, 1939 and 1940

Industry	1939					1940				
	No. of Disputes	Workers Involved		Time Loss		No. of Disputes	Workers Involved		Time Loss	
		No.	P.C. of Total	Man-Working Days	P.C. of Total		No.	P.C. of Total	Man-Working Days	P.C. of Total
Agriculture.....	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-
Logging.....	1	70	0.1	210	0.0	1	50	0.1	200	0.1
Fishing and Trapping.....	1	15	0.0	40	0.0	5	1,855	3.1	12,070	4.5
Mining, etc. ²	50	31,333	76.4	122,074	54.4	70	31,652	52.2	76,303	28.6
Manufacturing.....	43	7,901	19.3	80,962	36.1	56	16,118	26.6	148,631	55.8
Vegetable foods, etc.....	1	1	-	1	-	3	290	0.5	410	0.2
Tobacco and liquors.....	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-
Rubber products.....	6	2,062	5.0	42,460	18.9	2	347	0.6	1,564	0.6
Animal foods.....	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-
Boots and shoes (leather).....	1	16	0.0	64	0.0	2	86	0.2	2,645	1.0
Fur, leather, and other animal products.....	2	76	0.2	508	0.2	1	1	-	1	-
Textiles, clothing, etc.....	19	3,840	9.4	27,835	12.4	27	10,992	18.1	118,533	44.5
Pulp and paper.....	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-
Printing and publishing.....	1	20	0.1	60	0.0	1	1	-	1	-
Miscellaneous wood products.....	4	381	0.9	1,005	0.5	2	318	0.5	913	0.3
Metal products.....	7	1,272	3.1	6,370	2.9	17	3,579	5.9	19,626	7.4
Non-metallic minerals, chemicals, etc.....	1	104	0.3	2,500	1.1	2	430	0.7	4,750	1.7
Miscellaneous products.....	2	130	0.3	160	0.1	1	76	0.1	190	0.1
Construction.....	11	683	1.7	1,414	0.6	18	1,953	3.2	4,476	1.7
Buildings and structures.....	3	149	0.4	295	0.1	6	508	0.8	1,398	0.5
Railway.....	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-
Shipbuilding.....	1	150	0.4	600	0.3	3	900	1.5	2,450	0.9
Bridge ³	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-
Highway.....	6	377	0.9	504	0.2	1	1	-	1	-
Canal, harbour, waterway.....	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-
Miscellaneous.....	1	7	0.0	15	0.0	9	545	0.9	628	0.3
Transportation and Public Utilities.....	4	265	0.6	325	0.2	7	6,816	11.3	15,037	5.7
Steam railways.....	1	80	0.2	60	0.0	1	1	-	1	-
Electric railways.....	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-
Water transportation.....	3	185	0.4	265	0.2	5	6,591	10.9	11,287	4.2
Local transportation.....	1	1	-	1	-	2	225	0.4	3,800	1.5
Telegraph and telephone.....	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-
Electricity and gas.....	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-
Miscellaneous.....	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-
Trade.....	4	563	1.4	18,864	8.4	4	1,404	2.3	6,668	2.5
Finance.....	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-
Service.....	8	208	0.5	699	0.3	7	771	1.2	2,883	1.1
Public administration ⁴	1	1	-	1	-	1	35	0.0	70	0.0
Recreational.....	5	183	0.4	219	0.1	1	1	-	1	-
Custom and repair.....	1	7	0.0	125	0.0	1	100	0.2	1,000	0.7
Business and personal.....	2	18	0.1	355	0.2	5	636	1.0	1,813	0.4
Miscellaneous.....	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.....	122	41,038	100.0	224,588	100.0	168	60,619	100.0	266,318	100.0

¹ None reported. ² Includes non-ferrous smelting. ³ Includes erection of all large bridges.
⁴ Includes water service.

Causes and Results of Industrial Disputes.—In each of the years since the record was begun in 1901, by far the most important cause of disputes has been changes in wages but, since 1936, union questions (chiefly union recognition, the discharge of workers for union activity or membership, the employment of union members only) have led to many strikes and caused about 40 p.c. of the total time loss. In 1940, changes in wages, chiefly for increases, caused the largest number of strikes, but union questions were again responsible for many strikes and, measured in time loss, the specific demand for recognition of the union was the principal cause of all disputes. An unusually large number were due to other causes affecting wages and working conditions, chiefly in coal mining.