

Section 7.—Strikes and Lockouts

Statistics of strikes and lockouts in Canada have been collected by the Dominion Department of Labour since its establishment in 1900.

The items in the columns headed "Time Loss in Man-Working Days" in Tables 23-24, were calculated by multiplying the number of persons directly involved in strikes and lockouts by the number of working days they were so affected during the time the disputes were in existence.

Summary tables of the figures with details as to strikes and lockouts during 1941 will be found in the *Labour Gazette* for May, 1942, pp. 520-545.

Industrial Disputes in Recent Years.—From 1931 to 1937 the average number of strikes and lockouts, employees involved, and time loss were substantially greater than from 1926 to 1930. The averages for the latter period, however, were much lower than the figures for the years prior to 1926 when coal-mining strikes involved large numbers of employees and resulted in great time loss. In 1938 figures were about the same as the average for the period 1926-30, but from 1939 to 1941 there was a great increase in time loss. In the last-named year, the number of strikes again increased by one-third over 1940, time loss by more than one-third and the number of workers involved by more than one-half.

Since 1931 most of the important disputes have been in textile and clothing manufacturing, logging, sawmilling and wood-working industries, with a substantial number in coal-mining, but in 1941, strikes in the mining and metal manufacturing industries caused three-quarters of the time loss. The most important disputes involved gold miners at Kirkland Lake, Ont., coal miners at Glace Bay, N.S., metal-products factory workers at Toronto and St. Catharines, Ont., aluminium workers at Arvida, Que., and steel rolling-mill workers at Montreal, Que.

By provinces, the time loss in 1940 was greatest in Quebec, in Nova Scotia and Ontario and in 1941 in Ontario, Nova Scotia and Quebec.

23.—Strikes and Lockouts, 1931-41, with Totals for 1901-30

NOTE.—For the years 1901-20, see the 1933 Year Book, p. 763, and for 1921-30 the 1938 Year Book, p. 763.

| Year | Coal Mining | | | Industries other than Coal Mining | | | All Industries | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Disputes in Existence during Year | Workers Involved | Time Loss in Man-Working Days | Disputes in Existence during Year | Workers Involved | Time Loss in Man-Working Days | Disputes— | | Workers Involved | Time Loss in Man-Working Days |
| | | | | | | | In Existence during Year | Beginning in Year | | |
| Totals, 1901-30.. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| | 388 | 266,148 | 8,975,412 | 3,463 | 716,355 | 13,890,333 | 3,851 | 3,736 | 982,503 | 22,865,745 |
| 1931..... | 9 | 2,129 | 11,523 | 79 | 8,609 | 192,715 | 88 | 86 | 10,738 | 204,238 |
| 1932..... | 33 | 8,540 | 132,766 | 83 | 14,850 | 122,234 | 116 | 111 | 23,390 | 255,000 |
| 1933..... | 21 | 3,028 | 33,019 | 104 | 23,530 | 284,528 | 125 | 122 | 26,558 | 317,547 |
| 1934..... | 26 | 11,461 | 91,459 | 165 | 34,339 | 483,060 | 191 | 189 | 45,800 | 574,519 |
| 1935..... | 17 | 6,131 | 61,032 | 103 | 27,138 | 222,996 | 120 | 120 | 33,269 | 284,028 |
| 1936..... | 22 | 8,655 | 56,766 | 134 | 26,157 | 220,231 | 156 | 155 | 34,812 | 276,997 |
| 1937..... | 44 | 15,477 | 112,826 | 234 | 56,423 | 773,567 | 278 | 274 | 71,905 | 886,393 |
| 1938..... | 25 | 5,054 | 21,366 | 122 | 15,341 | 127,312 | 147 | 142 | 20,395 | 148,678 |
| 1939..... | 48 | 31,102 | 111,274 | 74 | 9,936 | 113,314 | 122 | 120 | 41,038 | 224,588 |
| 1940..... | 65 | 31,223 | 68,734 | 103 | 29,396 | 197,584 | 168 | 166 | 60,619 | 266,318 |
| 1941..... | 45 | 38,136 | 109,069 | 186 | 48,955 | 324,845 | 231 | 229 | 87,091 | 433,914 |