

Nova Scotia and Ontario, to 15.3 p.c. in British Columbia. Continued large-scale expansion was also shown in the reported payrolls, while the average per capita weekly earnings in all provinces were higher in 1943 than in 1942, when pronounced increases over 1941 had been indicated in the various provinces.

2.—Index Numbers of Employment as Reported by Employers in Economic Areas, by Months, 1942 and 1943, with Yearly Averages since 1929

NOTE.—These indexes are calculated as at the first day of each month, on the base 1929=100. The relative weights show the proportion of employees reported in each economic area to the total reported by all employers making returns in Canada at Dec. 1, 1943. Averages for 1921-23, 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	121.9	115.4	118.3	99.3	106.8	114.1
Averages, 1938	111.5	117.0	113.7	100.0	104.2	111.8
Averages, 1939	110.5	120.8	114.3	103.2	107.5	113.9
Averages, 1940	122.2	127.9	129.2	109.0	113.3	124.2
Averages, 1941	155.0	157.8	160.0	126.6	135.6	152.3
1942						
January 1	183.9	175.0	172.7	131.4	142.6	165.8
February 1	178.8	176.7	173.3	126.8	140.5	165.4
March 1	159.3	178.6	174.4	126.1	143.1	165.1
April 1	155.6	176.8	174.8	127.2	149.6	165.2
May 1	156.7	177.9	175.9	130.9	158.8	167.4
June 1	166.1	182.8	178.5	137.4	161.9	171.7
July 1	177.2	187.1	181.1	139.4	167.9	175.7
August 1	170.4	191.4	181.5	143.5	175.3	177.8
September 1	172.2	192.8	183.0	143.1	179.4	179.3
October 1	185.2	194.5	184.7	139.0	183.6	181.3
November 1	189.0	198.1	185.2	140.2	187.2	183.3
December 1	195.1	202.2	188.2	141.9	187.4	186.5
Averages, 1942	174.2	186.2	179.4	135.6	164.8	173.7
1943						
January 1	180.0	198.7	187.5	140.6	185.2	183.7
February 1	167.4	198.7	186.6	134.7	181.4	181.2
March 1	168.4	198.8	186.4	135.4	182.4	181.4
April 1	171.3	195.7	185.6	135.3	185.0	180.6
May 1	170.6	192.0	181.8	135.9	186.8	178.2
June 1	175.3	197.8	182.9	138.5	187.6	181.2
July 1	184.7	198.6	184.9	141.6	191.9	183.7
August 1	194.6	200.9	184.9	145.1	195.8	185.9
September 1	187.8	200.7	186.1	145.3	198.8	186.2
October 1	190.8	203.0	187.2	146.4	197.4	187.5
November 1	194.1	206.2	187.4	148.1	193.8	188.7
December 1	199.7	208.3	188.6	150.3	193.7	190.5
Averages, 1943	182.1	200.0	185.8	141.4	190.0	184.1
Relative weights of employment in economic areas, as at Dec. 1, 1943	7.9	32.0	40.1	10.6	9.4	100.0

Employment and Payrolls by Cities.—An interesting development associated with war-time conditions is the relatively greater advance in employment in the eight leading cities for which statistics are segregated, than in the Dominion as a whole. In 1942, there was a rise of 19.3 p.c. over 1941 in the composite index