

number for Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, Windsor, Winnipeg and Vancouver, a gain that compared favourably with the general increase of 14.1 p.c., while in 1943, the increase in the eight cities amounted to 10.3 p.c. over the same period of 1942, whereas the gain in the Dominion as a whole was 6 p.c.

Expanding employment in the leading cities, as elsewhere, has been accompanied by substantial advances in the payrolls disbursed. The current surveys provide little evidence that workers in the more populous centres receive unduly large proportions of the amounts disbursed in salaries and wages by the employers furnishing data. Thus, in 1943, the employees in the above-mentioned cities, constituting 45.9 p.c. of the total number in recorded employment, received 46.8 p.c. of the reported payrolls. The per capita earnings in the eight cities in 1943 averaged \$31.38 per week, as compared with the mean of \$30.78 reported in Canada as a whole; the disparity was surprisingly low, in view of the higher rents and other living costs usually found in the larger centres of population.

Manufacturing in the cities was particularly active during 1942, and there was further important improvement during 1943. It is probable that shortages of labour were chiefly responsible for the fact that employment in certain classes tended to slacken as the year progressed, although activity continued at a high level according to pre-war standards.

3.—Index Numbers of Employment as Reported by Employers in Leading Cities, 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 1926=100. The relative weights show the proportion of employees reported in each city to the total reported by all employers making returns in Canada at Dec. 31, 1943. Averages for 1921-28, inclusive, are given at p. 772 of the 1938 Year Book.

Year and Province	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	100.3	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
Averages, 1939.....	106.6	119.6	109.9	108.4	103.7	133.4	93.9	111.4
Averages, 1940.....	114.7	126.4	123.1	119.2	124.4	161.2	101.0	120.2
Averages, 1941.....	142.7	167.8	152.9	149.2	159.5	227.3	122.8	146.8
1942								
January 1.....	156.4	195.4	168.8	169.9	178.4	249.1	130.4	166.6
February 1.....	155.2	195.4	171.0	170.8	181.2	251.6	126.6	169.5
March 1.....	156.8	199.3	172.3	156.4	180.6	261.3	127.4	170.5
April 1.....	160.3	207.8	174.8	156.6	181.5	266.8	127.4	177.9
May 1.....	162.9	214.3	176.9	156.6	184.7	268.6	130.5	193.4
June 1.....	166.8	220.0	179.7	157.7	185.9	279.2	132.8	197.7
July 1.....	168.2	221.2	181.7	160.3	188.8	287.2	132.9	209.7
August 1.....	171.9	228.8	180.8	163.0	188.1	296.1	133.5	221.8
September 1.....	174.4	239.8	183.6	163.4	190.7	297.0	134.4	231.0
October 1.....	176.0	248.5	186.6	162.3	191.1	311.2	135.8	238.5
November 1.....	178.6	254.1	190.9	162.6	192.9	310.3	138.2	241.4
December 1.....	181.7	254.3	195.3	163.2	194.7	311.4	139.3	241.8
Averages, 1942.....	167.4	223.2	180.2	161.9	186.6	282.5	132.4	205.0