

Section 8.—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 22 and 23, 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 1942 will be found in the *Labour Gazette* for July, 1943, pp. 949-981, and for 1943 in the March, 1944, issue, pp. 320-353.

Strikes and Lockouts in Recent Years.—For the period 1926 to 1930 the average number of strikes and lockouts per year was 81, the average number of employees affected per year was 18,086, and the average time loss per year was 177,450 man-working days. For the period 1931 to 1937, all the above averages showed a substantial increase. In 1938 the number of workers and the time loss were about the same as the average for the period 1926-30, but from 1939 to 1943, there were substantial increases.

Since 1931 most of the important strikes have been in textile and clothing manufacturing, logging, sawmilling and wood-working industries, with a substantial number in coal-mining, but in 1942 and in 1943, strikes in the mining and metal manufacturing industries caused more than two-thirds of the time loss. Nineteen of the largest strikes, or less than 5 p.c. of the total number, caused 76 p.c. of the total time loss during 1943. One strike of aircraft workers in Montreal caused about one-fifth of the total time loss.

22.—Strikes and Lockouts, 1931-43, 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 | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Dis-putes in Existence during Year | Workers Involved | Time Loss in Man-Working Days | Dis-putes 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 | Begin-ning in Year | | |
| Totals, 1901-30. | 388 | 266,148 | 8,975,412 | 3,463 | 716,355 | 13,890,333 | 3,851 | 3,736 | 992,503 | 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 | 147 | 156 | 34,812 | 276,597 |
| 1937..... | 44 | 15,477 | 112,826 | 234 | 56,428 | 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 | 433,914 |
| 1941..... | 45 | 38,136 | 109,069 | 186 | 48,955 | 324,845 | 231 | 229 | 87,091 | 450,202 |
| 1942..... | 53 | 19,670 | 66,318 | 301 | 94,246 | 383,884 | 354 | 352 | 113,916 | 450,202 |
| 1943..... | 111 | 59,017 | 204,980 | 294 | 159,387 | 836,218 | 402 | 401 | 218,404 | 1,041,198 |