

The gainfully occupied may be segregated for analysis into three classes, the working proprietor, the employee and the unpaid labourer or "no-pay". The working proprietor or enterpriser is a person conducting an enterprise which he controls. Some enterprisers have other persons working for them. Others are independent workers, like many farmers, small retailers and doctors. The essential fact distinguishing the enterpriser from the employee is that he takes the risk of the enterprise and does not receive for his services a fixed rate of compensation. The difference between the "employee" and the co-called "unpaid labourer" is that the latter receives no fixed remuneration in cash, the payment being limited to a living allowance mainly in kind.

For national income purposes, the number of employees is calculated on a full-time basis, that is, it is really a statement of the number of man-years worked by those employed rather than of actual numbers engaged on any particular date.

Slightly more than one-third (33.8 p.c.) of the population was gainfully occupied on a full-time basis during the 22-year period 1919-40.

As the growth in total population was more rapid, the proportion engaged in productive enterprises was considerably less in the latter part of the period than in the years immediately following the War of 1914-18. From 1919 to 1929, the proportion of gainfully occupied ranged about 37 p.c., an important shift coming in the latest decade, with a percentage of only 31.7 p.c., in 1938. The relative increase in idle population had a significant bearing upon the problem of potential manpower for war activities, and by the end of 1942 a high percentage of the population actively participated in productive pursuits in addition to a heavy enlistment in the Armed Forces.

Statistics of payments to individuals from 1919 to 1940, are given in Table 3.

3.—National Income Payments to Individuals in Canada, 1919-40

Year	Salaries and Wages	No-Pay Allowances	Other Labour Income and Direct Relief	Withdrawals	Net Dividends and Interest	Other Investment Income ¹	Total Payments to Individuals in Canada ²	Percentage of Salaries and Wages to Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
1919.....	2,120,601	66,245	153,240	1,170,902	156,354	216,292	3,883,634	54.6
1920.....	2,477,573	67,364	16,492	1,315,965	209,179	258,233	4,344,806	57.0
1921.....	2,078,495	63,764	14,783	1,064,399	191,682	291,923	3,705,046	56.1
1922.....	2,017,064	59,842	14,027	994,266	206,779	317,446	3,609,424	55.9
1923.....	2,159,482	61,290	15,733	1,017,081	194,313	336,345	3,784,244	57.1
1924.....	2,123,299	64,447	16,745	990,768	207,124	351,689	3,754,072	56.6
1925.....	2,183,568	64,979	16,795	998,414	213,972	358,026	3,835,754	56.9
1926.....	2,350,511	71,215	18,010	1,040,939	248,864	361,180	4,090,719	57.5
1927.....	2,494,258	74,605	19,551	1,090,116	250,273	365,519	4,294,322	58.1
1928.....	2,680,730	81,428	21,470	1,126,387	282,059	393,162	4,585,236	58.5
1929.....	2,803,573	86,144	26,280	1,111,888	286,724	413,108	4,727,717	59.3
1930.....	2,825,472	86,119	29,427	1,046,467	309,923	446,662	4,544,070	57.8
1931.....	2,290,236	67,318	42,222	947,497	279,722	430,961	4,057,956	56.4
1932.....	1,910,808	54,743	62,445	818,718	231,600	374,326	3,452,640	55.3
1933.....	1,740,589	51,245	88,799	729,304	214,319	324,761	3,149,017	55.3
1934.....	1,870,685	51,178	103,376	715,053	230,213	296,979	3,267,484	57.3
1935.....	2,016,186	53,333	127,402	748,968	243,640	303,021	3,492,550	57.7
1936.....	2,162,216	52,300	117,265	800,346	235,861	308,014	3,676,002	58.8
1937.....	2,432,219	54,337	117,009	870,328	267,947	339,691	4,081,531	59.6
1938.....	2,454,348	54,038	103,231	899,128	261,512	361,361	4,133,618	59.4
1939.....	2,604,519	55,403	104,422	934,933	262,662	382,277	4,344,216	60.0
1940.....	3,081,980	59,889	130,351	1,011,322	263,583	397,154	4,944,284	62.3

¹ "Other Investment Income" is the sum of interest on savings deposits, interest from insurance and annuity contracts, pensions and annuities, mortgage interest and net rentals. ² Preliminary estimates of \$5,873 million and \$7,090 million for 1941 and 1942, respectively, are subject to revision.