

affected by the changes in the method of computing the number of wage-earners adopted in 1925, and then again in 1931. Inasmuch as the change increased the apparent number of employees between 1925 and 1930, it proportionately decreased the index of the efficiency of production. Comparability exists, however, between the figures prior to 1926 and subsequent to 1930. Table 17 shows only the latter period. Unfortunately, the period covered is rather limited for the purpose in view, but it is suggested that the reader compare these data with the comparable figures for 1917-30 at p. 421 of the 1939 Canada Year Book. Up to the beginning of the War the indexes may be considered as supplying satisfactory evidence of a general gain in volume of production per person employed. With the outbreak of war unemployed skilled workers were first absorbed into industry, with the result that the efficiency of production was slightly bettered. As the War progressed, however, manufacturers were forced more and more, to employ unskilled workers. The decline in the efficiency of production in 1942 may, therefore, be attributed to this cause as well as to absenteeism for various causes.

17.—Salaried Employees and Wage-Earners in Manufacturing Industries, with Volume of Manufacturing Production and Comparative Efficiency of Production, 1931-42.

(1935-39=100)

NOTE.—Figures, with qualifications as to comparability, for 1917 to 1930 are published at p. 421 of the 1939 Canada Year Book.

Year	Salaried Employees	Wage-Earners	Total Employees	Percentages Relative to 1935-39		Index Number of Volume of Mf'd. Products	Indexes of Efficiency of Production	
				Of Wage-Earners	Of Total Employees		Per Wage-Earner	Per Employee
				No.	No.	No.	p.c.	p.c.
1931.....	91,491	437,149	528,640	85.8	84.9	80.0	93.2	94.2
1932.....	87,050	381,783	468,833	74.9	75.3	67.6	90.3	89.8
1933.....	86,636	382,022	468,658	75.0	75.3	67.7	90.3	89.9
1934.....	92,095	427,717	519,812	83.9	83.5	79.6	94.9	95.3
1935.....	97,930	455,734	556,664	90.0	89.5	87.9	97.7	98.2
1936.....	104,417	489,942	594,359	96.1	95.5	96.2	100.1	100.7
1937.....	115,827	544,624	660,451	106.9	106.1	108.9	101.9	102.6
1938.....	120,589	521,427	642,016	102.3	103.2	100.8	98.5	97.7
1939.....	124,772	533,342	658,114	104.7	105.8	106.3	101.5	100.5
1940.....	135,760	626,484	762,244	122.9	122.5	125.2	101.9	102.2
1941.....	158,944	802,234	961,178	157.4	154.5	155.9	99.0	100.9
1942.....	177,187	974,904	1,152,091	191.3	185.1	179.9	94.0	97.2

Monthly Record of Employment in Manufactures.—Ordinarily, manufacturing employment in Canada reaches its highest point during the summer months. Some of the seasonal industries, such as canning, are most active then, textile industries are preparing winter goods, and industry generally feels the active demand of the agricultural purchasing power resulting from the prospects of the season's harvest. After the setback of 1929, employment in 1930, 1931, 1932 and the first half of 1933 declined steadily, the monthly employment figures in each case being lower than the corresponding month of the previous year. The peak of employment in June, 1929, when 575,693 wage-earners were on the payrolls, was surpassed in September, 1937, with 582,305 wage-earners. With the outbreak of war the improvement in employment became increasingly rapid. A new high record was attained in September, 1942, when 1,014,030 wage-earners were employed, an increase of 80 p.c. over the same month in 1939.