

that of 0.6 p.c. in the Dominion as a whole. As may be seen from Table 3, however, activity in most of these centres slackened in the latter months of 1944. On the average, the index numbers of employment in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg reached new peaks in 1944, while those in Quebec, Ottawa, Hamilton, Windsor and Vancouver were reduced.

The index numbers of payrolls in the eight cities as a whole averaged 2.6 p.c. higher in the year under review than in 1943, the increase exceeding that of 2.3 p.c. reported in the Dominion as a whole. However, in Hamilton, Windsor and Vancouver the reported disbursements in weekly salaries and wages were lower than in the preceding 12 months. In all eight cities the general average earnings per person in recorded employment reached new high levels during 1944.

3.—Index Numbers of Employment as Reported by Employers in Leading Cities, by Months, 1943 and 1944, 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, 1944. 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
Averages, 1942	167.4	223.2	180.2	161.9	186.6	282.5	132.4	205.0
1943								
January 1	180.5	250.0	194.3	164.9	192.6	312.7	140.0	242.3
February 1	182.4	258.6	193.3	162.6	193.3	315.4	133.4	239.9
March 1	183.7	259.7	194.0	163.9	191.2	311.8	133.3	239.4
April 1	185.2	265.0	194.3	165.2	191.5	309.6	134.7	240.4
May 1	185.9	269.7	192.4	164.5	187.8	306.0	137.4	240.1
June 1	186.8	276.3	193.3	164.7	184.2	304.5	136.6	240.2
July 1	187.8	278.0	194.8	168.2	186.3	303.7	139.7	245.2
August 1	188.8	277.2	192.0	169.6	182.3	307.3	141.2	249.1
September 1	189.6	277.7	195.6	171.7	184.0	301.3	139.9	253.4
October 1	192.0	282.4	196.7	173.6	181.9	297.2	142.1	254.0
November 1	192.9	283.2	200.2	172.7	182.0	295.9	145.4	252.0
December 1	195.1	284.8	201.5	174.3	182.8	302.3	147.2	254.0
Averages, 1943	187.6	271.9	195.2	168.0	186.7	305.6	139.2	245.8
1944								
January 1	191.2	277.8	198.0	165.7	180.0	299.2	147.2	256.3
February 1	190.9	271.6	197.5	161.3	179.6	297.0	145.8	254.0
March 1	190.3	271.2	198.0	160.7	178.9	297.0	142.4	251.6
April 1	190.0	270.7	197.8	161.5	179.7	295.4	144.4	247.2
May 1	188.9	269.1	197.7	163.0	178.9	288.4	142.4	242.9
June 1	188.9	268.1	197.5	165.2	178.7	288.0	144.3	243.5
July 1	188.1	270.5	199.8	168.1	183.8	288.5	144.8	247.0
August 1	186.3	269.6	197.3	170.5	181.6	289.7	145.5	237.6
September 1	186.2	271.4	198.0	170.9	180.3	288.4	143.0	237.4
October 1	185.6	268.7	195.8	170.1	180.3	284.1	144.6	232.0
November 1	184.1	263.7	196.8	170.8	182.4	286.8	146.6	229.0
December 1	182.8	247.8	198.0	172.8	185.5	289.5	151.3	232.6
Averages, 1944	187.8	268.4	197.7	166.7	180.8	291.0	145.2	242.6
Relative weights, by cities, as at Dec. 1, 1944	15.0	1.9	13.6	1.2	3.2	2.1	3.4	4.4