

**Employment by Industries.**—Table 4 clearly illustrates the extremely marked expansion which has taken place in several important industries as a result of the War, manufacturing having been particularly affected by wartime factors. However, as the European War approached its conclusion, there was a moderate curtailment in employment therein during 1944 as compared with 1943, nevertheless, the level of activity in this important group of industries continued at an extremely high level in comparison with earlier years of the War, and especially in comparison with pre-war years. Most of the recent contraction took place in the durable manufactured goods division, notably in non-ferrous metal and iron and steel plants. On the other hand, there was a small advance in employment in the production of non-durable manufactured goods as compared with 1943, in spite of continued losses in chemical, textile and some other factories.

Among the non-manufacturing industries, further expansion was reported during 1944 in logging, communications, transportation, services, trade and finance. In several of these divisions, new all-time highs were established; in some cases, the advances were due to employment of increasingly large numbers of part-time workers. Mining was less active, largely as a result of continued curtailment in the metallic-ores group and construction and maintenance afforded considerably less employment, as a result of growing shortages of labour and supplies.

The payrolls reported during 1944 in each of the main industrial groups except construction were higher than in any preceding year for which current statistics are available.

#### 4.—Index Numbers of Employment, by Industrial Groups and 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 industry to the total reported by all employers making returns in Canada at Dec. 31, 1944. Averages for 1921-28, inclusive, are given at p. 773 of the 1938 Year Book.

Year and Month	Manu- facturing	Logging	Mining	Com- muni- cations	Trans- porta- tion	Con- struc- tion and Main- tenance	Services	Trade	All Indus- tries <sup>1</sup>
Averages, 1929	117.1	125.8	120.1	120.6	109.7	129.7	130.3	126.2	119.0
Averages, 1930	109.0	108.0	117.8	119.8	104.6	129.8	131.6	127.7	113.4
Averages, 1931	95.3	60.1	107.7	104.7	95.8	131.4	124.7	123.6	102.5
Averages, 1932	84.4	42.6	99.2	93.5	84.7	86.0	113.6	116.1	87.5
Averages, 1933	80.9	66.5	97.5	83.9	79.0	74.6	106.7	112.1	83.4
Averages, 1934	90.2	124.7	110.8	79.1	80.3	109.3	115.1	117.9	96.0
Averages, 1935	97.1	126.9	123.3	79.8	81.2	97.8	118.2	122.1	99.4
Averages, 1936	103.4	138.7	136.5	81.0	84.1	88.2	124.5	127.5	103.7
Averages, 1937	114.4	189.3	153.2	85.4	85.2	99.5	130.2	132.1	114.1
Averages, 1938	111.0	142.8	155.9	85.0	84.4	105.4	135.2	132.6	111.8
Averages, 1939	112.3	119.1	163.8	84.4	85.6	113.0	137.4	136.6	113.9
Averages, 1940	131.3	166.9	168.4	87.2	89.7	90.7	143.2	142.9	124.2
Averages, 1941	168.4	187.8	176.6	96.7	98.9	126.6	167.5	156.5	152.3
Averages, 1942	206.5	196.5	171.3	103.7	105.5	130.3	178.8	156.1	173.7
<b>1943</b>									
January 1	219.6	249.6	162.4	103.2	107.8	132.1	180.2	169.8	183.7
February 1	222.1	233.8	161.4	103.1	105.5	125.7	179.6	149.3	181.2
March 1	223.4	231.1	162.2	102.8	107.1	122.6	180.0	147.1	181.4
April 1	224.3	189.0	160.6	102.8	109.4	118.8	181.2	148.8	180.6
May 1	222.9	131.8	157.8	102.5	111.7	115.7	182.7	151.7	178.2
June 1	224.2	146.9	156.2	103.6	114.8	126.3	192.0	150.6	181.2
July 1	226.5	148.2	156.5	104.8	117.2	133.6	193.0	151.4	183.7
August 1	227.7	136.1	159.1	107.1	119.7	144.3	196.2	151.8	185.9
September 1	229.9	129.5	158.1	107.4	120.3	138.3	196.3	152.0	186.2
October 1	231.4	146.0	154.1	106.4	120.0	136.9	198.5	156.3	187.5
November 1	230.8	182.6	155.4	105.3	119.4	135.3	200.4	162.2	188.7
December 1	230.9	240.2	158.1	104.6	119.7	128.3	197.4	169.9	190.5
Averages, 1943	226.2	180.4	158.5	104.5	114.4	129.8	189.8	155.1	184.1

<sup>1</sup> Except agriculture (see p. 759).