

4.—Index Numbers of Employment, by Industrial Groups and by Months, 1943 and 1944, with Yearly Averages since 1929—concluded

Year and Month	Manu- facturing	Logging	Mining	Com- muni- cations	Trans- porta- tion	Con- struc- tion and Main- tenance	Services	Trade	All Indus- tries ¹
1944									
January 1.....	226.4	260.7	156.1	105.1	117.5	105.8	194.3	172.0	185.7
February 1.....	227.3	271.8	159.5	105.1	114.2	90.9	195.9	159.9	183.2
March 1.....	226.5	270.4	159.3	104.9	114.8	85.3	196.8	156.5	181.7
April 1.....	225.5	240.5	159.1	105.5	117.1	81.8	198.9	159.4	180.5
May 1.....	223.2	162.4	155.4	106.1	120.9	87.2	200.7	160.4	178.2
June 1.....	223.1	175.9	152.9	107.8	122.4	101.3	202.2	161.3	180.5
July 1.....	225.8	175.4	153.1	110.0	124.4	110.8	207.7	161.2	183.5
August 1.....	225.0	155.6	155.1	112.9	125.2	124.5	207.9	161.7	184.3
September 1.....	226.2	155.0	152.4	113.1	124.1	130.8	207.1	162.0	185.5
October 1.....	223.7	181.0	150.6	111.6	125.2	114.2	205.4	165.7	183.3
November 1.....	221.3	239.8	149.2	110.7	123.9	112.7	204.6	170.3	183.8
December 1.....	220.1	300.9	151.5	110.6	124.2	109.5	204.6	179.5	185.7
Averages, 1944.....	224.5	215.8	154.5	108.6	121.2	104.6	202.2	164.2	183.0
Relative weights, by in- dustries, as at Dec. 1, 1944.....	61.1	4.8	3.7	1.6	8.5	7.4	2.5	10.4	100.0

¹ Except agriculture (see p. 759).

Subsection 3.—Unemployment as Reported by Trade Unions

Quarterly statistics on unemployment are compiled and published in the *Labour Gazette* by the Dominion Department of Labour, based at the present time on returns received from about 2,300 local trade unions, having an aggregate membership of more than 425,000 workers. "Unemployment" means involuntary idleness due to economic causes. Persons engaged in work other than their own trades, or idle because of illness, are not considered as unemployed, while union members retired and in the Armed Forces and unions involved in industrial disputes are excluded from the tabulations. As the number of unions making returns varies from month to month, with consequent variation in the membership upon which the percentages of unemployment are based, it should be understood that the figures for each month have reference only to the reporting organizations.

5.—Percentages of Unemployment in Trade Unions, by Provinces, Half-Yearly, 1931-43 and Quarterly, 1944

NOTE.—For percentages of unemployment at June 30 and Dec. 31 from December, 1915, to December, 1930, see p. 827 of the 1934-35 edition of the Year Book. For data by months from 1921 to 1943, see successive issues of the Year Book commencing with the 1922-23 edition.

Year and Month	Nova Scotia and P.E.I.	New Brun- swick	Quebec	Ontario	Mani- toba	Saskat- chewan	Alberta	British Col- umbia	Canada
June.....1931	7.2	6.5	20.0	16.2	14.1	13.5	21.7	15.6	16.3
December.....1931	13.8	9.6	29.0	20.3	16.5	19.5	16.9	21.2	21.1
June.....1932	9.6	12.0	27.1	23.4	18.1	14.4	23.4	22.3	21.9
December.....1932	8.4	16.5	30.9	28.5	20.9	20.8	22.8	26.0	25.5
June.....1933	13.8	13.0	26.2	23.3	19.4	14.9	24.5	18.6	21.8
December.....1933	11.2	11.5	23.2	24.9	20.3	17.2	17.6	19.8	21.0
June.....1934	11.4	7.3	22.9	15.9	17.0	12.1	24.8	17.2	18.0
December.....1934	4.7	7.2	24.5	18.7	16.1	13.1	9.0	24.6	18.0
June.....1935	12.2	8.1	21.9	12.0	13.7	9.4	20.1	13.2	15.4
December.....1935	7.8	7.5	20.6	13.4	13.1	11.6	9.6	15.9	14.6