

30.—Rates of Wages and Hours of Labour in Various Trades and for Unskilled Factory Labour in Certain Cities of Canada, 1943

NOTE.—Figures represent predominant rates and include cost-of-living bonus. Hours represent standard hours per week.

Occupation	Halifax		Montreal		Toronto		Winnipeg		Vancouver	
	Wages per Hour	Hours per Week	Wages per Hour	Hours per Week	Wages per Hour	Hours per Week	Wages per Hour	Hours per Week	Wages per Hour	Hours per Week
	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.
Building Trades—										
Bricklayers and masons...	1.15	44	1.05	44	1.18	40	1.20	44	1.34	40
Carpenters.....	.85	44	.95	44	1.05	40	1.00	44	1.12	40-44
Electrical workers.....	1.05	44	1.00	44	1.15-1.17	40-48	1.00-1.05	44	1.10-1.24	40-44
Painters.....	.80	44	.85	44	.98	40	.85	44	.97	40-44
Plasterers.....	.95	44	1.05	44	1.10-1.16	40	1.20	44	1.07	40
Plumbers.....	1.03	44	1.00	44	1.16	40	1.10	44	1.20	40-44
Sheet-metal workers.....	.78- .95	44	.95	44	1.14	40	.80	44	1.19	40-44
Labourers.....	.50- .55	44	.60	44-50	.62	50	.50- .55	44-48	.60- .75	40-44
Metal Trades—										
Blacksmiths...	.85- .90	44	.65- .95	44-55	.68- .93	44-52½	.71- .89	44-50	1.00	44-48
Boilermakers...	.85- .95	44	.95	44-48	.84- .94	44-51	.69- .84	50	1.00	44-48
Machinists.....	.82- .95	44-48	.67-1.00	44-60	.67-1.00	44-55	.60- .89	44-50	1.00	44-48
Moulders.....	.80- .95	44-48	.69- .97	44-58	.73-1.06	40-54	.69- .93	44-50	1.00	40-44
Electric Railways—										
Conductors and motormen¹.....	.80	48	.69	54	.77½	44-48	.74	48-49	.83	44-48
Linemen.....	.78- .90	44	.68	48	.87- .93	44	.81	44	1.06	44-48
Shop and barnmen.....	.66- .95	44	.43- .76	48-55	.60-1.00	44-48	.64- .97	44-48	.61- .92	44
Electricians.....	.79- .95	48	.68- .76	48-50	.80- .88	44-48	.64- .84	44-48	.77- .84	44
Trackmen and labourers.....	.56- .71	44	.45- .61	50-62½	.57½- .65	44-48	.64- .74	44-48	.72	44
Unskilled Factory Labour—										
	.40- .60	44-53	.35- .60	44-55	.45- .65	44-50	.45- .60	44-50	.49- .70	44-48
Printing Trades										
	Per Week		Per Week		Per Week		Per Week		Per Week	
	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
Compositors—										
News.....	37.04	40-48	45.95	40-48	50.78	37½-40	44.13	44	44.45	39½-40
Job.....	37.18	44-48	37.03-45.83	44	39.38	44-48	36.15-46.40	44	44.95-49.35	40-44
Pressmen—										
News.....	33.05-33.59	44-48	40.31	44-48	50.78	40	42.54	44	53.15	40-45
Job.....	35.00	44-48	39.76	44	39.19	44-48	31.60-44.60	44-48	43.77	40-48
Bookbinders...	34.24	44	37.03-39.16	44	39.06	44-48	38.35	44-48	44.60-48.95	40-48
Bindery girls...	13.73-15.00	44-48	15.84	44	18.84	44-48	16.25	44-48	22.72	40-48

¹ Maximum rates for one-man car operators based on length of service; 5 cents less for two-man car operators in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg; in Vancouver 6 cents less.

Wages of Farm Labour.—Current rates of wages paid to male hired help on farms have more than doubled since 1940, the year in which the series of wage rates shown in Table 31 was begun. Average wage rates are shown on the basis of rates paid with board provided by the employer and without board. The information is provided by farm correspondents located in all provinces. Although rates of wages during the winter period are normally somewhat lower than those paid during the harvesting season, wage rates at Jan. 15, and also at May 15, rose sharply in all provinces during the period under review.