

Employment and Payrolls by Economic Areas.—Geographically, the declines in industrial activity during 1945 were widely distributed, lowered employment as compared with 1944 being indicated in all provinces except New Brunswick and Saskatchewan. The largest percentage losses took place in Quebec and British Columbia. In all areas, the contraction was largely restricted to the manufacturing industries; mining also showed widespread curtailment, while the trends in the remaining non-manufacturing divisions were generally favourable. It is also noteworthy that despite the curtailment in industrial activity during 1945, the volume of employment in all provinces continued substantially above that indicated in pre-war days.

The aggregate weekly payrolls reported in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia were rather lower in 1945 than in the preceding 12 months, but those reported in New Brunswick, Manitoba and Saskatchewan were slightly higher. In all provinces except Nova Scotia and Ontario, the average weekly earnings of the persons in recorded employment reached new all-time high points during 1945. The increases as compared with the preceding 12 months, however, were moderate.

2.—Index Numbers of Employment as Reported by Employers in Economic Areas, by Months, 1944 and 1945, with Yearly Averages since 1921

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 economic area to the total reported by all employers making returns in Canada at Dec. 1, 1945.

Year and Month	Maritime Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada
Averages, 1921.....	102.4	82.2	90.6	94.0	81.1	88.8
Averages, 1922.....	97.3	81.4	92.8	92.6	82.8	89.0
Averages, 1923.....	105.7	90.7	99.5	94.8	87.4	95.8
Averages, 1924.....	96.6	91.3	95.5	92.1	89.4	93.4
Averages, 1925.....	97.0	91.7	95.8	92.0	93.7	93.6
Averages, 1926 ¹	99.4	99.4	99.6	99.5	100.2	99.6
Averages, 1927.....	103.7	104.0	105.6	105.3	101.1	104.6
Averages, 1928.....	106.6	103.3	113.8	117.9	106.4	111.6
Averages, 1929.....	114.8	115.4	123.1	126.3	111.5	119.0
Averages, 1930.....	118.3	110.3	114.6	117.1	107.9	113.4
Averages, 1931.....	108.1	100.9	101.2	111.5	95.5	102.5
Averages, 1932.....	92.2	85.5	88.7	90.0	80.5	87.5
Averages, 1933.....	85.3	82.0	84.2	86.2	78.0	83.4
Averages, 1934.....	101.0	91.7	101.3	90.0	90.4	96.0
Averages, 1935.....	103.7	95.4	103.3	95.2	97.7	99.4
Averages, 1936.....	109.4	100.7	106.7	99.3	101.1	103.7
Averages, 1937.....	121.0	115.4	118.3	99.3	106.8	114.1
Averages, 1938.....	111.5	117.0	113.7	100.0	104.2	111.8
Averages, 1939.....	110.5	120.8	114.3	103.2	107.5	113.9
Averages, 1940.....	122.2	127.9	129.2	109.0	113.3	124.2
Averages, 1941.....	155.0	157.8	160.0	126.6	135.6	152.3
Averages, 1942.....	174.2	186.2	179.4	135.6	164.8	173.7
Averages, 1943.....	182.1	200.0	185.8	141.4	190.0	184.1
1944						
January 1.....	186.3	201.3	185.4	149.5	190.2	185.7
February 1.....	177.1	198.5	184.8	145.1	188.0	183.2
March 1.....	175.1	197.1	183.9	142.3	186.3	181.7
April 1.....	177.3	194.2	182.9	142.6	184.7	180.5
May 1.....	176.6	190.4	180.8	141.0	183.3	178.2
June 1.....	178.2	194.3	182.1	145.2	183.6	180.5
July 1.....	187.8	195.3	185.1	148.4	187.5	183.5
August 1.....	185.8	197.7	185.0	151.6	185.7	184.3
September 1.....	184.5	200.0	186.5	150.3	188.1	185.5
October 1.....	189.1	193.8	185.9	148.0	185.6	183.3
November 1.....	187.1	196.7	185.9	148.1	182.5	183.8
December 1.....	191.8	197.6	188.0	151.9	182.5	185.7
Averages, 1944.....	183.1	196.4	184.7	147.0	185.7	183.0

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