

The first of these Reports was issued in March, 1921. The records begin, in most cases, with the year 1901. Index numbers show the general movement of wage-rates for the main industrial groups as well as for individual industries.

In Report No. 26, revised index numbers based on the rates in 1939 were published for the period 1939-43. The index numbers on the base of rates in 1935-39, which were published in previous reports, were converted to the new base of 1939. The percentage changes for the years 1939 to 1944 shown by the revised index for the principal groups of industries do not differ materially from those shown by the previous index which was last published in the *Labour Gazette*, October, 1945.

The latest Report, No. 27, contains tables showing for many industries the average rates for selected occupations along with the predominant ranges of rates. The standard or normal hours of labour per week in the various industries are also shown. The statistics are given by provinces or regions and for some industries by cities. The figures for the various manufacturing industries are shown by provinces in nearly all cases and, where possible, for Montreal and Toronto also. Tables 29-31 show the index numbers of wage rates by main industrial groups and by industries.

From 1930 to 1933 there was a general decrease in wage-rates but several groups showed increases in 1934 and increases have been general each year since that time, averaging 3.9 p.c. in 1940, 8.9 p.c. in 1941, 8.3 p.c. in 1942, 8.4 p.c. in 1943 and 3.5 p.c. in 1944. Some of the increases in 1940 and many in subsequent years took the form of a cost-of-living bonus which was adjusted from time to time to the official cost-of-living index number in accordance with the Wartime Wages Control Order. After Feb. 15, 1944, cost-of-living bonuses were incorporated in the basic rates.

### 29.—Index Numbers of Wage Rates for Certain Main Groups of Industries in Canada, 1921-44

(1939=100)

NOTE.—Figures back to 1901 may be obtained from Report No. 27, "Wage Rates and Hours of Labour in Canada, 1944", published by the Department of Labour as a Supplement to the *Labour Gazette*.

Year	Logging	Coal Mining	Metal Mining	Manu- facturing	Con- struction	Water Trans- portation	Steam Rail- ways	Elec- tric Rail- ways	Tele- phones	Laun- dries	General Aver- age
1921.....	102.2	119.4	95.2	95.4	99.9	96.0	95.9	98.6	91.8	97.3	97.5
1922.....	79.6	113.4	88.0	89.2	95.3	86.7	90.3	94.6	87.2	98.2	91.1
1923.....	93.5	113.4	91.9	92.5	97.5	91.5	91.2	95.6	88.6	99.6	93.6
1924.....	105.9	110.3	92.0	93.2	99.4	90.2	91.2	95.7	89.0	99.9	94.8
1925.....	95.2	96.1	93.3	92.3	99.8	90.4	91.2	96.4	89.1	99.0	93.8
1926.....	95.5	96.0	93.2	92.8	100.9	90.2	91.2	96.7	89.7	99.9	94.4
1927.....	97.7	96.3	93.3	94.1	105.0	91.3	97.1	97.5	91.4	100.8	96.4
1928.....	99.0	96.8	93.2	94.8	108.7	91.9	97.1	99.6	93.1	101.6	97.5
1929.....	98.7	96.8	93.8	95.4	115.8	96.1	100.0	101.9	94.2	101.8	99.2
1930.....	97.5	97.1	93.9	95.5	119.1	97.2	100.0	102.3	94.7	102.0	99.9
1931.....	81.5	97.1	92.6	93.1	114.7	93.0	97.5	101.9	95.0	101.5	96.6
1932.....	67.1	94.1	89.7	87.0	104.5	86.5	90.1	98.1	88.6	99.0	89.7
1933.....	57.4	92.8	85.6	82.9	92.5	81.2	88.0	93.8	87.9	97.0	85.1
1934.....	65.7	93.4	90.9	85.2	90.7	80.5	85.0	93.7	93.7	96.1	85.9
1935.....	73.1	95.0	92.6	87.0	93.6	81.1	90.1	94.3	93.0	96.6	88.4
1936.....	80.9	95.1	94.9	89.1	94.2	82.4	90.1	95.2	93.8	97.1	90.0
1937.....	93.9	95.6	99.1	96.1	96.9	92.0	96.0	97.8	98.5	98.3	96.7
1938.....	101.8	100.0	99.6	99.2	99.2	99.1	100.0	99.4	99.7	99.7	99.6
1939.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1940.....	104.9	102.1	102.8	104.3	104.5	105.2	100.0	104.9	101.3	105.4	103.9
1941.....	114.0	109.4	112.2	115.2	111.6	113.3	109.4	110.1	106.4	110.5	113.1
1942.....	125.9	113.1	118.7	125.5	118.6	125.8	114.8	114.9	112.0	116.5	122.5
1943.....	143.1	124.8	123.1	135.6	127.7	137.3	125.5	122.4	121.9	127.3	132.8
1944.....	144.7	146.0	125.2	141.1	129.6	140.7	125.5	127.6	122.4	128.9	137.5