

textile industries are preparing winter goods, and industry generally feels the active demand of the agricultural purchasing power resulting from the prospect of the season's harvest. After the setback of 1929, employment declined steadily until the middle of 1933. The peak of employment in June, 1929, when 575,693 wage-earners were on the payrolls, was surpassed in September, 1937, with 582,305 wage-earners. With the outbreak of war the improvement in employment became increasingly rapid and a new high record was attained in August, 1943, when 1,067,890 wage-earners were employed. The highest employment during 1944 was attained in June when 1,049,557 wage-earners were recorded.

16.—Wage-Earners Employed in the Manufacturing Industries of Canada, by Months and Sex, Significant Years, 1922-44

Month	1922	1929	1933	1939	1941	1942	1943	1944
TOTAL WAGE-EARNERS								
January.....	324,257	502,644	340,027	490,337	700,133	892,366	1,023,261	1,026,066
February.....	336,729	519,423	347,777	496,160	719,822	914,395	1,030,878	1,024,951
March.....	349,110	536,866	355,888	503,475	739,680	930,043	1,036,648	1,024,820
April.....	360,248	555,711	358,759	509,739	757,658	946,291	1,033,748	1,022,100
May.....	382,504	574,905	377,659	530,864	787,137	967,551	983,058	1,032,946
June.....	393,935	575,693	392,196	531,245	806,635	985,796	1,058,645	1,049,557
July.....	391,186	573,554	393,464	529,575	819,732	997,670	1,056,975	1,047,811
August.....	389,511	567,022	402,249	543,605	843,252	1,011,341	1,067,890	1,048,686
September.....	392,423	564,796	410,954	562,355	861,774	1,014,030	1,066,595	1,029,965
October.....	385,262	553,338	405,757	568,564	859,591	1,005,830	1,053,486	1,011,340
November.....	378,992	527,213	396,384	563,117	858,832	1,009,262	1,049,738	998,940
December.....	367,724	499,893	380,612	544,817	842,848	992,880	1,021,630	961,820
MALE								
January.....	243,682	397,459	257,445	381,997	549,976	683,455	751,269	738,764
February.....	253,178	410,865	260,728	385,955	564,176	698,435	755,181	737,647
March.....	263,849	426,713	267,259	391,623	579,757	708,845	757,702	737,761
April.....	274,821	443,560	271,348	398,982	597,256	720,285	755,888	737,913
May.....	294,095	459,783	285,705	416,963	621,396	736,499	764,158	747,746
June.....	304,395	460,294	296,937	417,975	636,633	750,012	776,003	762,126
July.....	304,020	459,051	300,329	417,987	646,237	756,047	779,687	762,399
August.....	301,234	449,721	302,969	421,895	654,782	753,663	777,733	757,135
September.....	298,918	441,510	304,908	431,509	662,465	748,193	767,043	737,347
October.....	291,973	432,576	301,315	437,220	661,454	739,894	754,484	724,084
November.....	286,511	412,114	294,945	432,920	659,011	739,471	753,211	717,179
December.....	277,854	391,903	285,690	422,538	649,766	731,647	738,073	698,990
FEMALE								
January.....	80,575	105,185	82,582	108,340	150,157	208,911	271,992	287,302
February.....	83,551	108,553	87,049	110,205	155,646	215,960	275,697	287,304
March.....	85,261	110,153	88,629	111,852	159,923	221,198	278,946	287,059
April.....	85,427	112,142	87,411	110,757	160,402	226,006	277,860	284,187
May.....	88,409	115,122	91,954	113,901	165,741	231,052	218,900	285,200
June.....	89,540	115,399	95,259	113,270	170,002	235,784	282,642	287,431
July.....	87,166	114,503	93,135	111,588	173,495	241,623	277,288	284,872
August.....	88,277	117,301	99,280	121,710	188,470	257,678	290,157	291,551
September.....	93,505	123,286	106,046	130,846	199,309	265,837	299,552	292,618
October.....	93,289	120,762	104,442	131,344	198,137	265,946	299,002	287,256
November.....	92,481	115,099	101,439	130,197	199,821	269,791	296,527	281,761
December.....	89,870	107,990	94,922	122,279	193,082	261,233	283,557	262,830

Hours Worked by Wage-Earners.—Since 1932, each firm has been required to report the number of hours worked by all its wage-earners during the month of highest employment, except for the years 1938 and 1939 when one week in a month of normal employment was reported. In 1938, the number of hours worked per week were compiled by sex, and a change was also made in the analysis of the weekly hours worked. Since 1940, the hours worked per week include overtime. These changes make it impossible to measure accurately the changes in the number of hours worked per week. The figures in Tables 17 to 20 represent the summation of the different months of highest employment as reported by all firms.