

the week preceding, compared with 44.8 hours in the week of Dec. 1, a year earlier. The average weekly wages of hourly rated wage-earners increased by 7.8 p.c., to \$29.89 in the year under review, as compared with \$27.72 in 1945. The decline in average hours worked during 1946 was partly the result of the reduction in the length of the standard work week in many establishments and industries, in accordance with industrial agreements signed during the year, but a reduction in the amount of overtime was also a factor, as was the loss of time due to industrial disputes.

The trend towards shorter hours and higher pay in manufacturing was general in all provinces. At Dec. 1, 1946, the hours worked in British Columbia were lower than in any other province, being only 39.3 for the week preceding. The average hourly earnings in that Province were the highest in the Dominion, at 90.1 cents. The mean in New Brunswick, on the other hand, was below the general average of hourly earnings in Canada, standing at 67.8 cents. The hours per week in that Province averaged 45.9 in 1946. The averages in the various provinces depend largely on their respective industrial distributions.

1.—Summary Statistics of Employment and Payrolls Reported Monthly, by Co-operating Establishments, 1945 and 1946

Year, Province, City and Industrial Group	Annual Averages of—		Average Weekly Earnings	Annual Average Index Numbers of—	
	Employees	Weekly Payrolls		Employ- ment	Payrolls
1945	No.	\$	\$		
Province					
Maritime Provinces.....	137,376	4,177,921	30.42	117.5	163.7
Prince Edward Island.....	2,585	67,933	26.30	117.1	145.6
Nova Scotia.....	80,582	2,543,875	31.56	114.6	160.7
New Brunswick.....	54,209	1,666,113	28.91	122.7	169.8
Quebec.....	546,163	16,779,893	30.73	116.4	149.6
Ontario.....	738,348	23,989,229	32.49	110.6	132.6
Prairie Provinces.....	201,594	6,512,107	32.30	113.6	139.7
Manitoba.....	93,007	2,979,732	32.04	113.0	136.5
Saskatchewan.....	40,104	1,244,260	31.02	109.4	134.6
Alberta.....	68,483	2,288,115	33.41	117.0	147.6
British Columbia.....	164,270	5,719,804	34.82	129.8	159.8
Canada¹.....	1,787,751	57,178,954	31.99	114.7	142.6
City					
Montreal.....	267,588	8,548,185	31.95	122.3	153.3
Quebec.....	31,803	913,423	28.70	132.6	182.5
Toronto.....	242,790	7,866,232	32.41	120.2	145.0
Ottawa.....	21,544	609,592	28.30	107.9	132.2
Hamilton.....	58,072	1,906,245	32.82	108.9	129.8
Windsor.....	33,318	1,350,745	40.37	105.4	113.1
Winnipeg.....	60,408	1,744,634	29.38	116.7	135.2
Vancouver.....	80,177	2,694,522	33.60	156.3	198.5
Totals, Eight Leading Cities.....	795,700	25,633,578	32.22	121.9	148.4
Halifax.....	25,183	750,772	30.42	146.0	193.4
Saint John.....	13,689	401,217	29.29	130.4	179.4
Sherbrooke.....	9,155	239,639	26.17	104.7	130.5
Three Rivers.....	9,986	291,778	29.22	125.1	143.4
Kitchener-Waterloo.....	16,764	499,328	29.78	112.1	146.8
London.....	21,032	625,603	29.74	118.2	139.3
Fort William-Port Arthur.....	13,536	481,536	35.53	96.3	127.9
Regina.....	10,155	284,833	28.05	122.2	137.1
Saskatoon.....	6,276	168,021	26.76	126.5	153.6
Calgary.....	17,853	557,816	31.57	113.4	137.9
Edmonton.....	17,146	502,720	29.31	126.3	152.3
Victoria.....	14,194	464,348	32.70	168.7	220.6

¹For footnote, see end of table, p. 611.