

**2.—Index Numbers of Employment as Reported by Employers in Economic Areas, by Months, 1945 and 1946, with Yearly Averages since 1921—concluded**

Year and Month	Maritime Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada
<b>1945</b>						
January 1.....	182.5	191.1	184.2	149.2	173.9	180.4
February 1.....	179.9	189.1	184.3	145.3	172.0	178.9
March 1.....	179.9	188.5	184.2	141.2	172.0	178.2
April 1.....	180.5	185.2	183.0	141.2	173.0	176.9
May 1.....	183.1	184.9	180.1	139.3	172.4	175.5
June 1.....	181.0	184.3	178.9	141.8	175.5	175.3
July 1.....	177.7	181.9	179.8	144.6	180.4	175.4
August 1.....	176.4	181.6	177.9	147.5	180.1	175.0
September 1.....	173.2	178.1	175.2	147.2	183.6	172.8
October 1.....	170.5	175.0	169.6	147.4	174.2	168.7
November 1.....	178.2	178.8	170.8	150.6	172.5	171.2
December 1.....	186.7	179.4	173.1	153.6	171.5	173.2
<b>Averages, 1945.....</b>	<b>179.1</b>	<b>183.2</b>	<b>178.4</b>	<b>145.7</b>	<b>175.1</b>	<b>175.1</b>
Relative weights of employment in economic areas, as at Dec. 1, 1945 <sup>2</sup> .....	8.1	30.3	40.4	12.0	9.2	100.0
<b>1946</b>						
January 1.....	169.5	171.8	172.2	150.6	163.7	168.2
February 1.....	165.7	170.4	173.9	145.7	159.8	167.2
March 1.....	164.4	171.8	173.6	145.3	156.4	167.0
April 1.....	168.8	172.5	175.5	146.8	160.7	168.9
May 1.....	167.8	170.3	176.7	149.1	163.9	169.3
June 1.....	172.9	174.8	178.4	153.3	139.3	169.9
July 1.....	176.0	175.4	179.6	158.2	162.2	173.6
August 1.....	168.4	177.5	174.8	161.0	170.4	172.8
September 1.....	171.9	181.4	176.1	162.0	176.9	175.5
October 1.....	176.7	184.7	179.0	161.1	179.3	178.1
November 1.....	179.0	189.1	185.1	163.8	182.2	182.7
December 1.....	184.5	192.7	188.2	164.7	184.6	185.7
<b>Averages, 1946.....</b>	<b>172.1</b>	<b>177.7</b>	<b>177.8</b>	<b>155.1</b>	<b>166.6</b>	<b>173.2</b>
Relative weights of employment in economic areas, as at Dec. 1, 1946 <sup>2</sup> .....	7.5	30.3	41.1	11.9	9.2	100.0

<sup>1</sup> Since the average for the calendar year 1926, including figures up to Dec. 31, 1926, is the base used in computing these indexes, the average index here given for the 12 months Jan. 1—Dec. 1, 1926, generally shows a slight variation from 100.

<sup>2</sup> Percentages of Canada total.

**Employment and Payrolls by Cities.**—The annual average index of employment in Canada's eight leading cities, taken as a whole, declined in 1946 from 1945 by 4.1 p.c. compared with an increase of 1.4 p.c. indicated in the other parts of Canada; the general reduction in the country as a whole, amounted to 1 p.c. The difference is not unexpected in the reconversion period since, during the War, especially pronounced expansion in employment in munitions manufacturing had taken place in the large centres while industrial activity in the smaller areas had, in many cases, been impeded by a shortage of labour during the same period. Further examination shows that among the eight leading cities, the indexes for Ottawa and Winnipeg compared very favourably with those for the preceding year. Proportionally, the recession in 1946 from 1945 was greatest in Quebec, where shipbuilding and munition industries had been very active during the war years. Employment in all eight cities showed decided improvement at the end of the year under review. The index for Windsor, in particular, showed a marked gain over one year earlier, when employment had been seriously affected by industrial disputes.