

Minimum Wage Regulations.—Table 31 shows the minimum wage rates in effect in December, 1946, for several classes of establishments in the principal cities. In Alberta, in British Columbia and in Manitoba the rates for men apply throughout the Province. In other provinces, lower rates are in effect outside each of the indicated urban areas of the province. The rates given in the table apply to the hours specified or, except in Montreal and Winnipeg, to the normal work-week of the establishment if less.

The rates in effect under provincial minimum wage legislation at the end of 1941 are summarized in the 1942 Year Book, pp. 714-716 and later changes are given in subsequent editions. The changes made in 1946 are as follows: since June 30, 1946, when the Dominion Wages Control Order ceased to restrict the raising of wages provided the increase is in accordance with a provincial statutory Order, minimum rates have been raised in British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Quebec and Saskatchewan.

In British Columbia, an interim blanket Order increased by 20 p.c. the rates in 37 Orders. Of these Orders some have been replaced and others will later be replaced by revised Orders. In factories, the new weekly rate for experienced workers fixed in 1946 was \$15.40* as compared with \$14; in shops, \$17 as compared with \$12.75; in offices, \$18 as compared with \$15; and in hotels and catering the increase was from \$14 to \$18. The maximum weekly hours in British Columbia in mines, factories, logging, shipyards, construction, shops, catering and road transport were reduced on July 1, 1946, from 48 to 44.

In Nova Scotia, all minimum rates were increased by \$1, making the new minima for experienced women workers \$13 in places of 17,000 population or over and \$12 in other towns.

In Quebec the new minimum for teachers is \$600 yearly instead of \$300 and higher minimum rates were fixed for industrial and commercial establishments, offices, road transport, hotels, taverns, lodging houses and for certain miscellaneous occupations. The previous rates for factories and shops of 26, 24, 22 and 20 cents an hour in the four zones of the Province have been raised to 35, 32, 28, and 25 cents an hour.

In Saskatchewan, the weekly rates of \$16.80 for cities and \$14 for towns have been increased to \$18.50 in cities and larger towns and \$16 in smaller towns and villages.

* On Feb. 1, 1947, this minimum was increased to 40 cents an hour.

31.—Minimum Weekly Rates for Experienced Workers in the Principal Cities, December, 1946

Item and Type of Establishment	Halifax ¹	Montreal	Toronto ¹	Winnipeg ²	Regina	Edmonton ³	Vancouver ⁴
Hours per week.....	44-48 ⁴	48-60 ⁵	48	48	48	48	44 ⁶
	\$	cts. per hour	\$	cts. per hour	\$	\$	\$
Factories.....	13.00	35	12.50	30	18.50	15.00	0.35 ⁷ , ⁸
Laundries, etc.....	13.00	26 ⁹	12.50	30	18.50	15.00	0.40 ⁷
Shops.....	13.00	35	12.50	30	18.50	15.00	17.00
Hotels, restaurants, etc.....	13.00	30 ¹⁰	0.26 ⁷	30	18.50	15.00	18.00 ⁸
Beauty parlours.....	13.00	35	12.50	30	18.50	15.00	17.10.
Theatres and amusement places.....	13.00	25	12.50	30	0.50 ⁷	15.00	17.10
Offices.....	13.00	35	12.50	30	18.50	15.00	18.00

¹ Females only.

² Females; 35 cents for men.

³ Females; \$20 for men 19 years of age or over.

⁴ Except in theatres and amusement places where they apply to a 48-hour week only and in offices to 48 hours or the usual number if less.

⁵ 48 hours for factories, except in specified cases, and for offices; 54 hours for shops, beauty parlours, theatres and for women in laundries; 60 hours for hotels.

⁶ In hotels, beauty parlours, theatres and amusement places rates apply to 40 hours or more; in shops to 39 hours or more; and for offices to 36 hours or more.

⁷ Per hour.

⁸ Both men and women.

⁹ Females; this rate applies to three-quarters of the workers, lower rates to others.

¹⁰ Kitchen help, 35 cents; cooks, 40 cents.