

**26.—The Forty Industries Employing the Greatest Numbers of Female Wage-Earners, Ranked According to the Average Annual, Weekly and Hourly Earnings, 1945**  
—concluded.

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Annual Earnings		Average Pours Worked per Week
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank	
	\$		cents		\$		No.
24 Clothing, men's factory.....	18.13	24	42.7	22	901	21	42.5
25 Woollen cloth.....	18.08	25	41.2	23	923	19	43.9
26 Boots and shoes, leather.....	16.95	26	38.9	31	811	30	43.6
27 Woollen yarns.....	16.85	27	38.8	32	853	27	43.4
28 Miscellaneous paper products.....	16.67	28	39.6	27	857	26	42.1
29 Fruit and vegetable preparations.....	16.41	29	37.9	35	776	33	43.3
30 Miscellaneous leather goods.....	16.39	30	40.3	25	773	34	40.7
31 Medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....	16.24	31	40.3	26	899	22	40.3
32 Boxes and bags, paper.....	16.20	32	38.0	34	810	31	42.6
33 Corsets.....	16.00	33	36.4	37	749	38	44.0
34 Hosiery and knitted goods.....	15.98	34	37.2	36	804	32	43.0
35 Printing and publishing.....	15.84	35	39.3	28	813	29	40.3
36 Printing and bookbinding.....	15.54	36	39.0	30	771	35	39.8
37 Gloves and mittens, leather.....	15.20	37	38.5	33	713	40	39.5
38 Biscuits, confectionery, cocoa, etc.....	14.44	38	35.7	39	759	36	40.4
39 Miscellaneous food.....	14.13	39	35.8	38	755	37	39.5
40 Bread and other bakery products.....	14.11	40	33.3	40	723	39	42.4
<b>Average, Forty Leading Industries.....</b>	<b>19.79</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46.2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42.8</b>
<b>Average, All Industries<sup>1</sup>.....</b>	<b>19.84</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of sawmills, butter and cheese and fish-curing and -packing plants.

**Real Earnings of Employees in Recent Years.**—When the index number representing the average yearly wages is divided by the index number of the cost of living, on the same base, a measure of "real" wages is obtained. Index numbers for 1934 to 1945 are given in Table 27. In 1933, the height of the depression, real wages were 88.3 on the 1935-39 base. From then on they rose steadily and stood at 141.1 in 1944, an increase of about 60 p.c. In 1945 real wages dropped to 138.1.

**27.—Average Yearly Earnings, and Index Numbers of Earnings, Cost of Living and Real Wages of Wage-Earners, in Manufacturing Industries, 1934-45**

NOTE.—Figures on the 1917 base, with qualifications as to comparability, for 1917 to 1933 are published at p. 421 of the 1939 Canada Year Book.

Year	Wages Paid	Average Wage-Earners	Average Yearly Earnings	Index Numbers (1935-39=100)		
				Average Yearly Earnings	Cost of Living	Real Value of Average Yearly Earnings
	\$	No.	\$			
1934.....	355,090,929	427,717	830	89.1	95.7	93.1
1935.....	399,012,697	458,734	870	93.3	96.2	97.0
1936.....	438,873,377	489,942	896	96.1	98.1	98.0
1937.....	525,743,562	544,624	965	103.5	101.2	102.3
1938.....	498,282,208	521,427	956	102.6	102.2	100.4
1939.....	519,971,819	533,342	975	104.6	101.5	103.1
1940.....	679,273,104	626,484	1,084	116.3	105.6	110.1
1941.....	978,525,782	802,234	1,220	130.9	111.7	117.2
1942.....	1,347,934,049	974,904	1,383	148.4	117.0	126.8
1943.....	1,598,434,879	1,047,873	1,525	163.6	118.4	138.2
1944.....	1,611,555,776	1,030,324	1,564	167.8	118.9	141.1
1945.....	1,427,915,830	928,665	1,538	165.0	119.5	138.1