

Industrial activity in each of the eight leading centres showed marked improvement in 1947 compared with 1946. As will be seen from Table 5, the largest percentage gains in employment were in Vancouver, Hamilton and Windsor, in each of which industrial disputes had been an important factor in 1946.

The index number of payrolls for Canada's eight largest cities taken as a whole, increased in 1947 over 1946 by 19.8 p.c., compared with an advance of 21.2 p.c. in the index number of payrolls for the country as a whole. Marked increases in the per capita weekly earnings of persons employed by the co-operating firms were noted in the leading cities in 1947, when new all-time highs were established. The increase of 14.4 p.c. from 1946 in the average weekly salaries and wages in Windsor was particularly noteworthy. Statistics of average weekly wages of hourly-rated wage-earners employed in leading manufacturing establishments are available for several of the larger industrial centres. These show that in 1947 the average weekly wages reported in Vancouver and Hamilton, at \$36.69 and \$36.41, respectively, were well above the Dominion mean of \$34.13, largely because of the high proportion of employees engaged in the heavy manufacturing industries in these cities. The weekly wages indicated by factories in Toronto averaged \$33.90, those in Winnipeg, \$32.78, and in Montreal, \$32.38.

5.—Index Numbers of Employment as Reported by Leading Employers in Certain Cities, by Months, 1946 and 1947, with Yearly Averages 1929 and 1933-47

NOTE.—These indexes are calculated as at the first day of each month on the base 1926=100. The relative weights show the proportion of employees reported in each city to the total reported by all employers making returns in Canada at Dec. 1, 1946 and Dec. 1, 1947. Averages for 1921-28, inclusive, are given at p. 772 of the 1938 Year Book and for 1930-32 at p. 615 of the 1947 edition.

Year and Month	Montreal	Quebec	Toronto	Ottawa	Hamilton	Windsor	Winnipeg	Vancouver
Averages, 1929.....	115.3	124.2	121.3	120.7	128.4	153.2	112.3	109.2
Averages, 1933.....	81.0	95.1	87.5	90.2	74.6	75.9	80.2	83.0
Averages, 1934.....	84.5	95.1	93.5	99.5	84.1	93.1	82.9	87.4
Averages, 1935.....	87.3	96.9	97.5	102.2	92.6	115.0	87.8	96.6
Averages, 1936.....	92.1	95.2	101.5	106.3	98.3	121.3	92.3	103.7
Averages, 1937.....	101.2	100.3	107.9	107.9	112.1	146.4	95.1	110.7
Averages, 1938.....	103.9	107.5	107.3	105.0	106.8	138.3	93.1	109.1
Averages, 1939.....	106.6	119.6	109.9	108.4	103.7	133.4	93.9	111.4
Averages, 1940.....	114.7	126.4	123.1	119.2	124.4	161.2	101.0	120.2
Averages, 1941.....	142.7	167.8	152.9	149.2	159.5	227.2	122.8	146.8
Averages, 1942.....	167.4	223.2	180.2	161.9	186.6	282.5	132.4	205.0
Averages, 1943.....	186.7	271.9	195.2	168.0	186.7	305.6	139.2	245.8
Averages, 1944.....	187.8	268.4	197.7	166.7	180.8	291.0	145.2	242.6
Averages, 1945.....	172.5	217.3	184.3	162.6	176.4	242.3	142.6	221.7
1946								
January 1.....	158.8	167.1	173.0	168.6	169.1	181.3	147.5	197.5
February 1.....	160.0	158.9	174.1	165.2	170.2	228.1	142.0	192.8
March 1.....	161.1	159.4	174.8	167.0	168.9	226.9	141.2	187.1
April 1.....	164.0	162.7	177.5	170.4	172.3	255.7	142.7	189.7
May 1.....	166.5	162.8	177.5	171.9	172.8	263.8	144.9	191.7
June 1.....	169.0	164.4	176.8	170.8	173.0	266.7	145.7	179.8
July 1.....	169.9	167.7	176.9	173.1	175.9	241.2	149.9	191.8
August 1.....	168.1	171.5	174.5	175.7	144.7	237.1	151.7	194.0
September 1.....	172.7	172.5	176.4	177.3	141.7	232.6	153.4	201.2
October 1.....	173.2	173.8	178.2	179.9	142.1	229.6	155.6	204.1
November 1.....	174.4	175.0	181.5	180.6	172.9	240.7	159.8	210.0
December 1.....	177.9	174.2	187.2	183.7	176.2	244.4	161.9	216.4
Averages, 1946.....	168.0	167.5	177.4	173.7	165.0	237.3	149.7	196.3