

Section 9.—Workers Affected by Collective Agreements

Statistics on the number of workers affected by collective agreements in Canada were compiled by the Department of Labour for the first time for the year 1946. Table 33 gives figures for the principal industrial groups. It shows in the second column the number of workers affected by agreements extended under the Quebec Collective Agreement Act (see Subsection 1, p. 671). Any duplication of the numbers of workers covered by agreements under this Act and by other agreements is eliminated in the third column. Of the total number of workers affected by agreements, 92.6 p.c. are represented by international or national unions. A more detailed table in the *Labour Gazette*, March, 1948, as well as earlier studies of agreements in certain industries is available from the Department of Labour.

33.—Workers Affected by Collective Agreements, by Industries, 1946

Industrial Group	Agreements (Other Than Those in Column 2)	Agreements Extended Under Collective Agreement Act, Quebec	Total ¹
	No.	No.	No.
Agriculture	Nil	Nil	—
Forestry, Fishing, Trapping	38,471	"	38,471
Mining (including milling), Quarrying and Oil Wells	48,787	36	48,823
Coal mining.....	23,254	Nil	23,254
Metal mining.....	19,358	"	19,358
Other.....	6,175	36	6,211
Manufacturing	436,554	78,920	494,719
Vegetable foods.....	21,344	3,507	24,851
Other vegetable products.....	31,940	Nil	31,940
Animal foods.....	22,575	"	22,575
Leather and fur products.....	11,015	16,897	25,669
Textile products.....	60,775	26,869	75,344
Wood and paper products (including printing).....	84,075	13,244	96,009
Iron products.....	123,387	15,821	135,618
Non-ferrous metal products.....	49,958	381	50,339
Non-metallic mineral products.....	17,581	575	18,156
Chemical products.....	11,011	1,626	11,325
Miscellaneous products.....	2,893	Nil	2,893
Electricity and Gas Production and Supply	15,754	Nil	15,754
Construction	27,000 ²	135,042	162,042 ²
Transportation and Communications	231,266	4,162	232,248
Electric railways and local bus lines.....	20,149	Nil	20,149
Steam railways (including express).....	139,298	"	139,298
Water transportation (including stevedoring).....	36,758	4,162	37,740
Other.....	35,061	Nil	35,061
Trade	8,247	10,220	18,467
Finance and Insurance	Nil	Nil	—
Service	38,024	11,397	48,552
Totals	844,103	239,777	1,059,076

¹ Duplications in columns 1 and 2 are eliminated from these totals.

² Estimated.

Section 10.—Wages and Hours of Labour

Subsection 1.—The Regulation of Wages and Hours of Labour

The regulation of wages and hours of persons in private employment in Canada is within provincial jurisdiction, and all the provinces, except Prince Edward Island, have legislation on the subject. The Nova Scotia Male Minimum Wage Act, 1945, has not been proclaimed in force.