

From 1914 to 1920, the number of employees increased very rapidly as a result of the extension of the functions of government and of the imposition of new taxes which necessitated additional officials as collectors. New services, such as the Department of Pensions and National Health and the Soldier Settlement Board, were also created during this period. In January, 1920, 47,133 persons were employed; this number was the highest reached prior to January, 1940, when employees numbered 49,739.

Between March, 1939, and March, 1947, there was an increase of 79,231 in the total number of permanent and temporary employees. The bulk of this wartime increase was accounted for as follows: Department of National Defence, 21·8 p.c.; new wartime Departments and Boards (Reconstruction and Supply, National Film Board, Canadian Information Service, Wartime Prices and Trade Board), 7·6 p.c.; Unemployment Insurance Commission, 10·7 p.c.; and 23·6 p.c. in Veterans Affairs and Soldier Settlement and Veterans' Land Act Departments combined.

Despite the large wartime increase in the total Civil Service employment, the number of permanent employees was less in March, 1947, than in March, 1939. The number of temporary employees, however, increased steadily during the war years. Consequently, in March, 1947, temporary employees represented 76·2 p.c. of the total as compared with 30·3 p.c. of the total in March, 1939, and 34·5 p.c. of the total in March, 1925, the first year for which these statistics were published.

The following sequence of tables is condensed from a recently published historical series covering the years 1937 to 1947. Table 9 gives the total numbers and percentages of permanent and temporary Civil Service employees in the month of March over the period. Table 10 gives comparable information regarding salaries and wages paid during each of the fiscal years of the period. Tables 11 and 12 give parallel data to those shown in Tables 9 and 10 but limited to the permanent and temporary employees employed at departmental headquarters. Tables 13 and 14 give index numbers of permanent and temporary employees and of wages paid to them for the same years of the series. Table 15 gives detailed information of employees and expenditures by Departments and Branches for the months of March, 1946 and 1947.

9.—Numbers and Percentages of Permanent and Temporary Civil Service Employees, Months of March, 1937-47

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1925-36 will be found at p. 1141 of the 1946 Year Book.

Month of March—	Permanent		Temporary		Total
	Total	P.C. of Total	Total	P.C. of Total	
	No.		No.		
1937.....	30,678	71·6	12,158	28·4	42,836
1938.....	32,308	73·2	11,835	26·8	44,143
1939.....	32,132	69·7	13,974	30·3	46,106
1940.....	30,948	62·2	18,791	37·8	49,739
1941.....	30,149	45·0	36,777	55·0	66,926
1942.....	29,524	35·2	54,257	64·8	83,781
1943.....	28,708	27·6	75,347	72·4	104,055
1944.....	29,343	26·0	83,315	74·0	112,658
1945.....	30,240	26·1	85,668	73·9	115,908
1946.....	31,088	25·8	89,469	74·2	120,557
1947.....	29,787	23·8	95,550	76·2	125,337