the non-durable group of manufacturing the mean was 42 hours per week in 1948 and 42·3 hours in 1947. In the non-manufacturing groups the average hours of work declined in 1948 in local transportation, highway construction and services. The average working week was slightly longer in mining and building construction; in the case of the former industry, a decline in the time lost as a result of industrial disputes was a factor in the higher average in 1948 as compared with 1947.

3.—Percentage of Women Employed in Leading Industrial Groups as at Oct. 1, 1943-48

| Industrial Group | 1943 | 1944 | 1945 | 1946 | 1947 | 1948 |
|--------------------------------------|------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|
| | p.c. | p.c. | p.c. | p.c. | p.c. | p.c. |
| Manufacturing ¹ | 27-9 | 28-3 | 26.0 | 24 · 1 | 22-9 | 22.6 |
| Durable goods | 19.1 | 18.8 | 13.8 | 11.7 | 10-9 | 10-5 |
| Non-durable goods | 40.4 | 40.2 | 37.6 | 35.1 | 34.4 | 34.4 |
| Communications | 52-6 | 55.5 | 55.8 | 54.7 | 52.8 | 52.3 |
| Transportation | 8-0 | 8.5 | 8.2 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 6.1 |
| Services ² | 58-0 | 58-2 | 57.6 | 54.4 | 53.6 | 51-5 |
| Trade | 49-1 | 49.3 | 46.8 | 41.9 | 40.2 | 39.0 |
| Finance | 50-8 | 53 - 9 | 53 - 3 | 46.7 | 47-1 | 46.9 |
| Nine Leading industries ² | 26-2 | 27 · 1 | 25 · 3 | 23 - 2 | 22-0 | 21.9 |

¹ In 1939, the proportion of female employees in all manufacturing establishments reporting to the Annual Census of Industry was 22 p.c. ² Consisting mainly of hotels, restaurants, laundries and drycleaning establishments. ³ These industries include also logging, mining and construction in which the number of female workers is very small.

4.—Man-Hours Worked and Average Hourly and Weekly Earnings in Leading Manufacturing Industries, 1946-48

| Industry | Average Hours Worked | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Wages | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 1946 | 1947 | 1948 | 1946 | 1947 | 1948 | 1946 | 1947 | 1948 |
| | No. | No. | No. | cts. | cts. | cts. | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Manufacturing Durable manufactured goods Non-durable manufactured goods | 42·7 42·8 42·6 | 42·5 42·7 42·3 | 42·2 42·3 42·0 | 70·0 76·4 63·8 | 80·3 87·2 73·4 | 91·3 98·4 84·0 | 29·87 32·68 27·18 | 34·13 37·23 31·05 | 38·53 41·62 35·28 |

5.—Annual Index Numbers of Employment, Payrolls and Average Earnings of Leading Industrial Establishments, with Average Weekly Salaries and Wages of their Employees, 1947 and 1948.

| | Index Numbers (June 1, 1941=100) | | | | | | | Average | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Geographical and Industrial Unit | Employment | | Aggregate Weekly Payrolls | | Average Weekly Earnings | | Weekly Salaries and Wages Reported | | |
| | 1947 | 1948 | 1947 | 1948 | 1947 | 1948 | 1947 | 1948 | |
| Province | | | | | | | \$ | \$ | |
| Maritime Provinces Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia. New Brunswick Quebce. Ontario. Prairie Provinces. Manitoba. Saskatchewan Alberta. British Columbia | 113-7 134-4 103-4 129-5 122-2 120-4 127-4 123-7 123-3 135-0 143-6 | 119-8 149-5 112-0 131-1 126-2 125-8 133-0 128-4 125-9 143-7 153-2 | 170-4 181-5 149-1 206-9 176-7 164-9 175-6 169-0 169-3 188-6 195-6 | 197-3 220-9 178-9 228-3 202-7 191-8 203-8 194-5 199-7 221-7 225-0 | 154-1 156-8 149-0 146-8 147-8 138-2 139-2 136-6 140-8 141-6 143-3 | 169-1 149-7 164-9 177-0 164-1 153-7 154-6 151-9 155-1 158-5 | 32-80 29-42 32-49 35-33 34-64 37-11 36-46 36-23 35-57 37-27 38-74 | 35-98 33-20 55-95 56-23 38-45 41-29 40-50 40-10 49-20 41-71 42-62 | |
| Totals | 123.0 | 128 - 2 | 172-6 | 199-6 | 143-2 | 158-9 | 36-15 | 40.11 | |