

all the major industrial groups except transportation, the largest taking place in trade. Employment in manufacturing rose by 2.8 p.c. in the year. The average weekly earnings in the eight leading industries in British Columbia stood at \$42.62 in 1948, compared with \$38.74 in the preceding year.

#### 6.—Index Numbers of Employment as Reported by Employers in Economic Areas, by Months, 1947 and 1948, with Yearly Averages, 1939-48

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 economic area to the total reported by all employers making returns in Canada at Dec. 1, 1948. Averages for the years 1921-38 are given at pp. 613-614 of the 1947 Year Book.

Year and Month	Maritime Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Totals
<b>Averages, 1939</b> .....	<b>110.5</b>	<b>120.8</b>	<b>114.3</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>107.5</b>	<b>113.9</b>
<b>Averages, 1940</b> .....	<b>122.2</b>	<b>127.9</b>	<b>129.2</b>	<b>109.0</b>	<b>113.3</b>	<b>124.2</b>
<b>Averages, 1941</b> .....	<b>155.0</b>	<b>157.8</b>	<b>160.0</b>	<b>126.6</b>	<b>135.6</b>	<b>152.3</b>
<b>Averages, 1942</b> .....	<b>174.2</b>	<b>156.2</b>	<b>179.4</b>	<b>135.6</b>	<b>164.8</b>	<b>173.7</b>
<b>Averages, 1943</b> .....	<b>182.1</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>185.8</b>	<b>141.4</b>	<b>190.0</b>	<b>184.1</b>
<b>Averages, 1944</b> .....	<b>183.1</b>	<b>196.4</b>	<b>184.7</b>	<b>147.0</b>	<b>185.7</b>	<b>183.0</b>
<b>Averages, 1945</b> .....	<b>179.1</b>	<b>183.2</b>	<b>178.4</b>	<b>145.7</b>	<b>175.1</b>	<b>175.1</b>
<b>Averages, 1946</b> .....	<b>172.1</b>	<b>177.7</b>	<b>177.8</b>	<b>155.1</b>	<b>166.6</b>	<b>173.2</b>
<b>1947</b>						
January 1.....	169.4	186.7	186.7	158.3	180.4	181.0
February 1.....	168.0	186.2	187.6	154.6	180.8	180.7
March 1.....	148.9	188.4	188.7	155.4	180.9	180.4
April 1.....	153.3	185.8	189.9	155.3	183.6	180.7
May 1.....	151.7	182.2	189.4	155.7	186.2	179.6
June 1.....	165.8	186.9	191.8	161.9	192.4	184.5
July 1.....	179.4	191.2	195.7	167.3	196.9	189.5
August 1.....	183.9	195.0	196.7	172.1	204.2	192.6
September 1.....	184.7	196.1	196.4	172.1	207.5	193.2
October 1.....	188.2	199.3	199.6	166.8	206.0	194.8
November 1.....	193.3	203.7	202.2	170.1	203.1	197.8
December 1.....	192.3	205.6	205.0	171.7	202.6	199.6
<b>Averages, 1947</b> .....	<b>173.2</b>	<b>192.3</b>	<b>194.1</b>	<b>163.4</b>	<b>193.7</b>	<b>187.9</b>
<b>1948</b>						
January 1.....	181.9	196.8	202.7	166.2	194.0	193.7
February 1.....	179.9	193.6	198.6	156.4	190.3	189.3
March 1.....	171.0	193.4	199.3	158.4	188.1	188.9
April 1.....	166.1	187.3	197.7	159.6	190.8	186.6
May 1.....	167.9	186.3	196.7	159.6	196.1	186.5
June 1.....	172.5	194.4	200.0	168.9	202.0	192.3
July 1.....	186.7	198.6	204.8	175.9	207.8	198.0
August 1.....	190.0	206.3	203.3	179.5	212.6	200.9
September 1.....	189.1	205.1	205.4	180.6	216.2	201.8
October 1.....	192.8	205.8	208.3	180.8	214.8	203.3
November 1.....	194.9	207.1	208.6	180.3	212.2	203.6
December 1.....	197.8	207.5	210.4	180.9	206.1	204.3
<b>Averages, 1948</b> .....	<b>182.6</b>	<b>198.5</b>	<b>203.0</b>	<b>170.6</b>	<b>202.6</b>	<b>195.8</b>
Percentage distribution of employees reported in economic areas as at Dec. 1, 1948.....	7.3	29.7	41.8	11.8	9.4	100.0

**Employment and Payrolls by Cities.**—During 1948, as in 1947, the co-operating firms in the eight larger industrial centres employed over 43 p.c. of the total personnel of the reporting establishments throughout Canada. The proportion of the indicated payroll disbursements, however, declined fractionally in 1948. The composite index number of employment for the eight leading cities increased by 4 p.c. in 1948 compared with a gain of 4.2 p.c. in Canada as a whole