

7.—Index Numbers of Employment as Reported by Leading Employers in certain Cities, by Months, 1947 and 1948, with Yearly Averages 1929 and 1939-48—concluded

Year and Month	Montreal	Quebec	Toronto	Ottawa	Hamilton	Windsor	Winnipeg	Vancouver
1947								
January 1.....	174.1	169.5	185.5	184.4	174.9	238.4	154.2	212.9
February 1.....	173.9	164.9	185.1	177.6	177.7	243.6	151.0	213.6
March 1.....	174.8	166.3	187.2	175.7	177.8	250.0	151.8	214.7
April 1.....	175.0	167.9	188.3	181.2	181.2	252.6	151.9	216.0
May 1.....	176.8	170.6	188.5	177.5	182.5	263.7	152.2	217.3
June 1.....	178.9	178.9	189.0	180.4	185.3	272.5	153.2	222.4
July 1.....	179.7	186.8	192.6	183.9	188.4	273.7	155.9	224.9
August 1.....	179.3	195.6	190.8	184.0	187.2	276.5	157.4	230.5
September 1.....	179.9	199.6	191.0	183.8	185.1	276.2	157.4	229.5
October 1.....	181.5	199.8	191.2	182.6	187.8	279.7	153.9	225.2
November 1.....	182.9	198.8	196.5	182.9	189.7	278.7	162.2	220.4
December 1.....	185.8	199.7	200.2	185.5	191.8	273.9	165.9	232.3
Averages, 1947....	178.6	183.2	190.5	181.4	184.1	265.0	155.6	221.6
1948								
January 1.....	180.3	190.2	198.9	185.4	189.3	267.4	159.3	226.5
February 1.....	178.7	188.2	196.6	183.1	189.0	206.7	154.6	226.1
March 1.....	179.1	191.4	196.3	181.2	188.9	268.1	152.6	225.5
April 1.....	178.3	190.7	196.2	184.1	190.4	267.8	154.2	225.5
May 1.....	180.6	192.9	196.5	183.5	192.4	263.1	154.4	227.5
June 1.....	181.9	197.9	196.6	191.2	195.3	267.9	158.3	232.0
July 1.....	183.1	200.3	199.2	197.2	199.6	281.1	162.0	235.8
August 1.....	182.6	202.1	196.6	197.0	197.6	284.0	162.8	236.8
September 1.....	185.9	204.3	198.8	197.9	198.2	284.0	163.6	240.4
October 1.....	188.5	203.8	200.2	196.4	198.4	292.0	164.9	238.5
November 1.....	190.2	201.9	203.4	201.1	200.5	288.4	168.3	239.7
December 1.....	192.6	200.7	206.4	202.9	202.8	288.9	171.4	236.5
Averages, 1948...	183.5	197.0	198.8	191.8	195.2	271.7	160.5	232.6
Percentage distribution of employees reported in the leading cities at Dec. 1, 1948, to Canada totals as 100.....	14.5	1.5	13.2	1.3	3.2	1.9	3.4	4.2

Employment and Payrolls by Industries.—Increases in employment in 1948 as compared with the preceding year were reported in all the major industrial groups with the exception of logging. The highest percentage gain was that of 10.3 p.c. recorded in construction. The smallest advance in employment, amounting only to 2.6 p.c., was reported by transportation firms.

The 1948 annual index of employment in manufacturing generally as shown in Table 8 increased by 3 p.c. as compared with the annual index for 1947, which in turn had risen by 6.8 p.c. as compared with 1946 when the situation had been greatly affected by reconversion problems and by serious industrial disputes. Proportionally, the increase in 1948 as compared with the preceding year, was slightly greater in the heavy goods industries, namely, the manufacturing of iron and steel, non-ferrous metals, electrical apparatus, lumber, musical instruments and clay, glass and stone products. The index in these industries taken as a unit advanced by 3.1 p.c. in the year, as compared with 2.1 p.c. in the remaining branches of manufacturing. Expansion was noted in all the main industries in the heavy goods group. Employment in the important iron and steel products industry increased by 2.7 p.c. in 1948. The index for agricultural implements rose by 17.8 p.c. with continued heavy demand for these products. In the non-durable manufacturing group some declines were recorded, namely, in leather, edible plant, rubber and tobacco products.