

compare wage rates in one industry with those in another. The statistics are average straight-time wage rates or average straight-time piece-work earnings and therefore do not include over-time or other premium payments.

Tables 33 and 34 show the index numbers of wage rates by main industrial groups and by industries. From 1930 to 1933 there was a general decrease in wage rates but increases have been general each year since that time. During the period 1939-48, the rise in the index number of wage rates amounted to 95.8.

33.—Index Numbers of Wage Rates for certain Main Groups of Industries, 1939-48

(1939=100)

NOTE.—Figures back to 1931 may be obtained from the report "Wage Rates and Hours of Labour in Canada, 1947", published by the Department of Labour as a supplement to the *Labour Gazette*. Figures for 1921-38 are given at p. 650 of the 1947 Year Book.

Year	Logging	Coal Mining	Metal Mining	Manu- fac- turing	Con- struc- tion	Water Trans- porta- tion	Steam Rail- ways	Elec- tric Rail- ways	Tele- phones	Laun- dries	General Average
1939.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1940.....	104.9	102.1	102.8	104.3	104.5	105.2	100.0	103.9	101.3	105.4	103.9
1941.....	114.0	109.4	112.2	115.2	111.6	113.3	109.4	109.1	106.4	110.5	113.1
1942.....	125.9	113.1	118.7	125.5	118.6	125.8	114.8	115.8	112.0	116.5	122.5
1943.....	143.1	124.8	123.1	136.8	127.7	138.8	125.5	121.2	121.9	127.3	133.7
1944.....	146.1	146.0	125.2	141.4	129.6	142.2	125.5	125.7	122.4	128.9	137.9
1945.....	153.3	146.2	128.2	146.5	131.1	144.6	125.5	126.6	125.6	135.4	141.8
1946.....	167.4	146.7	135.7	161.5	143.9	162.3	142.3	139.5	125.2	147.5	155.2
1947.....	195.1	166.7	157.7	183.3	155.0	183.8	142.3	162.3	132.2	170.5	173.7
1948.....	218.8	192.9	173.1	205.9	176.3	213.5	170.2	175.0	140.4	183.0	195.8

34.—Index Numbers of Wage Rates, by Industries, 1944-48

(1939=100)

Industry	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Logging	146.1	153.3	167.4	195.1	218.8
Logging, Eastern Canada.....	143.2	151.4	162.8	188.3	212.0
Logging, British Columbia coastal.....	156.8	160.5	184.9	220.8	244.2
Mining	134.8	136.5	140.6	161.7	151.9
Coal mining.....	146.0	146.2	146.7	166.7	192.9
Metal mining.....	125.2	128.2	135.7	157.7	173.1
Manufacturing	141.4	146.5	161.5	183.3	205.9
Primary textile products.....	146.0	151.5	165.6	190.1	224.2
Cotton yarn and cloth.....	139.1	148.7	161.6	189.0	230.6
Woolen yarn and cloth.....	160.3	163.5	183.1	209.8	241.3
Knitting—hosiery, underwear and outerwear.....	146.2	150.3	162.5	184.3	213.8
Rayon yarn and fabric.....	147.0	148.9	164.7	186.8	218.2
Clothing.....	144.3	156.3	176.2	189.5	205.9
Men's and boys' suits and overcoats.....	151.9	164.1	182.1	203.0	214.8
Work clothing.....	141.0	148.0	160.3	173.0	197.1
Women's and misses' suits and coats.....	137.5	152.7	176.2	186.2	206.3
Dresses.....	138.9	152.5	179.2	178.5	196.9
Men's shirts.....	146.5	157.0	171.7	196.6	209.4
Rubber products.....	139.8	143.4	167.7	190.1	213.7
Pulp and its products.....	125.7	127.3	148.6	173.8	193.6
Pulp.....	135.3	136.3	162.8	193.5	214.3
Newsprint.....	119.6	120.9	137.3	158.4	174.3
Paper other than newsprint.....	124.7	126.8	147.0	170.9	191.8
Paper boxes.....	133.1	138.5	151.6	175.8	202.3
Printing and publishing.....	116.3	118.5	127.3	138.9	158.2
Newspaper printing.....	116.5	119.1	125.7	136.6	152.6
Job printing.....	114.9	117.7	129.8	142.4	165.9
Lumber and its products.....	148.2	156.1	178.3	205.2	226.2
Sawmill products.....	148.7	157.5	184.8	215.7	236.5
Planing mills, sash, doors, etc.....	139.4	147.2	161.2	180.2	195.9
Wooden furniture.....	154.8	159.5	171.7	192.6	218.8
Edible plant products.....	134.2	139.4	153.0	175.0	194.5
Flour.....	135.0	139.2	153.1	178.0	196.5
Bread and cake.....	134.3	139.0	152.6	174.2	191.6