

7.—Index Numbers of Employment as reported by Employers in Economic Areas, by Months, 1948 and 1949, with Yearly Averages, 1929, 1933 and 1939-49—concluded

Year and Month	Atlantic Provinces ¹	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Totals
1948						
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
Averages, 1948.....	182.6	198.5	203.0	170.6	202.6	195.8
1949						
January 1.....	177.2	198.2	206.1	173.9	192.4	196.0
February 1.....	168.2	193.0	202.8	166.7	181.5	190.5
March 1.....	167.1	190.2	201.8	165.6	179.6	188.9
April 1.....	167.4	184.8	200.2	166.0	188.8	187.6
May 1.....	163.3	186.4	200.1	170.5	196.9	189.1
June 1.....	169.0	194.6	202.4	177.4	204.7	194.5
July 1.....	187.4	198.0	206.4	181.8	209.1	199.5
August 1.....	188.9	199.4	205.5	185.6	212.6	200.5
September 1.....	190.4	199.5	208.3	186.6	215.1	202.1
October 1.....	192.0	199.5	209.2	185.9	211.9	202.2
November 1.....	188.6	202.0	208.6	185.2	208.7	202.0
December 1.....	193.7	201.9	208.7	184.5	203.2	201.8
Averages, 1949.....	179.4	195.6	205.0	177.5	200.4	196.2
Percentage distribution of employees reported in economic areas as at Dec. 1, 1949.....	7.2	29.1	42.0	12.3	9.4	100.0

¹ Exclusive of Newfoundland.

Industrial activity was well sustained in Quebec in the year ended Dec. 1, 1949. Advances in the annual averages were reported in communications, construction, services and trade. There was a substantial decline in employment in logging, due to the curtailment in export demand. Expansion in mining in the year under review was retarded by the labour dispute in the asbestos mines, which were closed from mid-February to late in June. An insignificant decline of 0.3 p.c. was reported in the manufacturing index for the year. The annual average of weekly earnings reported in Quebec was \$41.21 in 1949, as compared with \$38.45 for 1948.