

Industrially, employment in construction in 1952 showed the most marked gain of all groups for which data are available, with an increase of 8.5 p.c. over 1951. Excluding forestry, new all-time high records of employment were established in the major non-manufacturing industries, although the advances over 1951 in all groups with the exception of public utilities operation and services were less than the rate of increase revealed by a similar comparison between 1950 and 1951.

Employment gains for 1952 were indicated in each of the provinces and, although these advances were generally moderate, they resulted in record high levels being reached in most instances. Heightened post-war employment was particularly marked in Alberta where the increase over 1946 was 46.2 p.c.; in Ontario it was 29.0 p.c., in British Columbia 27.6 p.c., and in Quebec 25.4 p.c.

Employment indexes for the major industries are given in Table 13 and for the provinces in Table 14 by months for 1951 and 1952, with annual averages from 1939. Table 15 gives index numbers of employment in eight cities of Canada. Changes from the previous year were slight in each case, the most notable variation being an increase of 4 p.c. in the index for Montreal. Quebec, Toronto, Winnipeg and Ottawa-Hull also showed small increases over 1951, while the Vancouver index declined by 1.3 p.c. and those for Windsor and Hamilton receded fractionally from their 1951 peaks.

The percentages of women employed in the main industrial groups has remained fairly constant over the past few years. In 1952, women made up 21.8 p.c. of the industrial composite compared with 21.7 p.c. in 1951.

### 13.—Annual Average Index Numbers of Employment, by Industrial Group, 1939-52, and Monthly Indexes, 1951 and 1952

(Exclusive of Newfoundland and the Territories)

NOTE.—These indexes are calculated as at the first day of each month, on the base 1949=100.

Year and Month	Forestry (chiefly Logging)	Mining	Manufacturing	Construction	Transportation, Storage and Communication	Public Utility Operation	Trade	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	Services <sup>1</sup>	Industrial Composite
<b>Averages—</b>										
1939.....	59.3	93.7	56.3	62.0	59.8	54.9	61.5	67.8	56.8	60.1
1940.....	82.2	95.8	65.1	47.1	62.2	56.0	63.7	67.3	57.9	64.7
1941.....	91.0	99.0	82.6	68.6	70.1	59.2	68.2	69.5	66.1	77.4
1942.....	95.1	95.9	101.6	70.2	74.6	58.0	68.0	72.9	70.5	87.9
1943.....	87.3	88.7	111.5	69.4	79.5	56.8	67.6	73.4	74.8	93.0
1944.....	104.4	86.5	110.6	51.9	82.6	57.0	71.6	75.0	79.6	92.5
1945.....	119.7	82.3	100.0	53.8	86.0	61.1	76.2	77.4	81.1	88.2
1946.....	129.9	86.9	91.0	69.5	89.3	71.1	83.4	85.3	88.3	88.2
1947.....	149.6	88.6	97.2	85.6	95.4	76.7	90.2	81.5	94.6	95.7
1948.....	138.4	97.2	100.1	95.4	99.0	89.0	96.3	96.0	99.1	99.7
1949.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950.....	100.8	105.5	100.9	102.4	99.9	101.3	103.2	105.4	101.0	101.5
1951.....	138.6	110.6	108.0	110.2	106.1	103.4	107.4	115.2	103.1	108.8
1952.....	123.9	116.8	109.4	119.6	110.9	107.6	109.9	121.9	106.6	111.6
<b>1951—</b>										
Jan. 1.....	161.1	108.2	103.7	98.1	100.5	99.2	113.8	108.4	98.3	105.9
Feb. 1.....	156.3	108.0	104.9	90.0	98.6	99.3	104.6	109.1	98.5	104.1
Mar. 1.....	153.6	107.8	105.9	86.7	99.0	98.3	103.8	109.7	98.1	104.1
Apr. 1.....	130.9	107.8	107.3	88.0	99.6	99.0	105.5	113.6	98.3	104.7
May 1.....	105.7	108.1	108.0	101.4	102.5	101.0	105.6	115.9	100.0	106.1
June 1.....	118.7	109.4	109.2	113.3	105.5	105.3	106.7	116.0	102.8	108.9
July 1.....	124.4	111.8	110.2	118.1	109.5	106.9	107.0	116.7	107.3	110.9
Aug. 1.....	113.6	112.8	110.3	123.8	111.4	108.0	105.4	117.1	109.9	111.4
Sept. 1.....	114.4	112.3	110.3	128.2	113.0	107.7	105.6	117.4	110.1	112.0
Oct. 1.....	135.1	112.9	110.4	127.9	111.6	105.8	108.3	117.6	106.8	112.7
Nov. 1.....	165.1	114.1	108.5	126.0	111.4	105.2	109.1	119.7	104.2	112.6
Dec. 1.....	184.6	114.3	107.5	120.5	110.8	105.1	113.3	121.0	102.7	112.7

For footnote, see end of table.