The percentage gain in the hourly average exceeded that in either 1958 or 1959 but was somewhat lower than in most other years for which data are available. All major groups within the light manufacturing division reported increases in average hourly earnings in 1960 over 1959. Higher wage rates were an important factor in the upward movement, notably in breweries, distilleries, tobacco plants, cotton and synthetic textiles, pulp and paper mills, printing and publishing, petroleum refineries and chemical plants.

The more important non-manufacturing industries for which information is obtained in this series also reported higher averages of hourly earnings in 1960. The figure for mining rose by 2.5 p.c.; with a minor gain in the hours per week, average weekly wages advanced by 2.9 p.c. In construction, the hourly earnings were higher by 5.4 p.c., a somewhat larger gain than in 1958 or 1959; weekly wages advanced by 5.7 p.c., the work week having been slightly longer in 1960 than in the preceding year. Wage rates moved up in a number of trades, notably for carpenters and electrical workers. Strikes were a factor of some importance in the construction industry, lowering employment levels during 1960. Pay rate revisions contributed to higher averages of hourly earnings in the service industries for which data on man-hours are available.

13.—Average Hours and Earnings in Specified Industries and Areas, 1958-60

Industry, Province and Urban Area	Average Hours Worked			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	1958	1959	1960	1958	1959	1960	1958	1959	1960
Industry	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ilning	41.5 41.8 39.0	41.5 41.7 38.6	41.7 41.9 39.7	1.96 2.03 1.73	2.04 2.13 1.74	2.09 2.17 1.75	81.30 84.77 67.43	84.80 88.73 67.00	90.8 69.3
Ianufacturing	40.2 40.3 40.1	40.7 41.0 40.4	40.4 40.7 40.1	1.66 1.80 1.53	1.72 1.87 1.58	1.78 1.94 1.64	66.77 72.42 61.31	70.16 76.66 63.90	71. 78. 65.
Construction Buildings and structures Highways, bridges and streets	40.7 40.5 41.0	40.2 39.6 41.2	40.4 40.1 41.0	1.78 1.94 1.48	1.84 2.01 1.56	1.94 2.12 1.63	72.36 78.37 60.80	74.20 79.59 64.28	78.4 84.8 66.8
ervice	39.5 39.6 39.6	39.4 39.4 40.1	39.1 39.1 39.8	0.97 0.95 0.96	1.00 0.98 0.97	1.04 1.01 1.00	38.28 37.58 37.94	39.29 38.52 38.98	40. 8 39. 8 39. 8
Province									ſ
lewfoundland lova Scotia. lew Brunswick uuebec. ntario. fanitoba. aaskatchewan lberta. sritish Columbia.	39.2 40.4 41.4 41.0 40.1 39.3 40.0 37.6	39.7 40.9 41.6 41.5 40.6 40.4 39.6 39.9 37.9	40.3 40.8 41.4 41.2 40.3 39.9 38.9 39.5 37.6	1.54 1.48 1.45 1.50 1.74 1.56 1.78 1.75 2.02	1.59 1.52 1.50 1.54 1.82 1.65 1.86 1.83 2.09	1.64 1.57 1.55 1.60 1.87 1.67 1.90 1.89 2.17	60.37 59.87 59.99 61.38 69.70 62.66 70.16 75.95	63.00 62.40 62.33 63.97 73.79 66.52 73.68 72.90 79.39	65.8 64.1 66.1 75.8 66.6 74.0 74.7
Urban Area		l							
fontreal Oronto Ismilton Vindsor Vinnipeg Annouver	40.3 40.1 39.7 38.2 40.1 37.4	40.7 40.5 40.6 39.8 40.5 37.9	40.3 40.1 40.1 39.7 40.0 37.2	1.55 1.72 1.93 1.94 1.54 1.97	1.60 1.75 2.06 2.09 1.63 2.04	1.65 1.80 2.14 2.14 1.66 2.12	62.42 68.89 76.50 73.99 61.91 73.72	65.06 70.74 83.66 83.15 65.93 77.36	66.5 72.0 85.7 84.8 66.5 78.9

¹ The durable goods group includes wood products, iron and steel products, transportation equipment, non-ferrous metal products, electrical apparatus and supplies, and non-metallic mineral products; the non-durable goods group includes all other manufacturing industries.