

31 p.c. of the total number of wage and salary-earning employees, receiving 28.8 p.c. of the total wage and salary bill. British Columbia was third with 6.6 p.c. of the total number of employees, receiving 6.6 p.c. of the wages and salaries.

Throughout the Dominion the average number of employees per establishment rose from 21 in 1922 to 23.2 in 1923, or by 10.5 p.c., and the average paid in wages and salaries per establishment from \$22,645 in 1922 to \$25,240 in 1923, or by 11.5 p.c. The average salary per employee increased from \$1,791 in 1922 to \$1,824 in 1923 and the average wage from \$939 in 1922 to \$959 in 1923. The grand total paid for labour in the latter year was \$571,470,028.

Piece-workers employed outside the factories numbered 8,638 in 1923, 2,476 males and 6,162 females; the total payments to these piece-workers were \$1,625,842.

### 17.—Male and Female Employees on Salaries and Wages, by Provinces and Groups of Industries, 1923.

Provinces and Groups.	Employees on Salaries.		Salaries.	Employees on Wages.		Wages.
	Males.	Females.		Males.	Females.	
	No.	No.	\$	No.	No.	\$
<b>(A) PROVINCES.</b>						
Prince Edward Island.....	179	31	173,996	1,495	1,040	452,697
Nova Scotia.....	1,210	348	2,450,304	12,230	3,391	10,776,074
New Brunswick.....	1,263	370	2,663,543	10,997	3,591	10,204,621
Quebec.....	17,464	3,836	40,557,364	102,812	39,510	123,798,718
Ontario.....	33,205	10,405	78,990,006	172,244	46,916	228,876,308
Manitoba.....	2,640	649	5,878,088	8,997	2,530	12,516,396
Saskatchewan.....	867	157	1,716,990	2,788	293	3,667,968
Alberta.....	1,545	310	3,142,677	5,938	974	7,491,028
British Columbia and Yukon...	3,304	490	7,165,713	26,952	4,296	30,947,537
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>61,677</b>	<b>16,596</b>	<b>142,738,681</b>	<b>344,453</b>	<b>102,541</b>	<b>428,731,347</b>
<b>(B) INDUSTRIAL GROUPS.</b>						
Vegetable products.....	8,454	2,233	19,884,124	37,813	16,895	47,557,502
Animal products.....	8,929	1,641	16,150,913	36,556	14,391	36,719,211
Textile products.....	5,931	2,259	16,041,669	33,910	50,569	65,202,536
Wood and paper.....	14,314	3,645	34,822,426	101,604	8,841	112,492,947
Iron and its products.....	9,428	2,389	23,342,059	73,480	2,774	92,111,750
Non-ferrous metals.....	3,246	1,076	7,774,546	13,757	3,330	17,241,119
Non-metallic minerals.....	2,523	663	5,508,299	20,533	1,259	23,772,292
Chemicals and allied products...	3,176	1,033	7,977,117	8,343	2,597	10,456,562
Miscellaneous industries.....	5,676	1,657	11,237,528	18,457	1,885	23,177,428

**Real Earnings of Employees in Recent Years.**—The total amount paid to the employees in industrial plants during 1923 was \$571,470,028, as compared with \$509,382,027 in 1917. The wage payments in 1923 were \$428,731,347, while the salaried employees received a remuneration of \$142,738,681. The average yearly wage of the wage earner was \$959 in 1923, as compared with \$760 in 1917, an increase of 26.1 p.c. in average earnings. When the index number representing the average yearly wages, with 1917 as a base, is divided by the index number of the cost of living, with the same base, it is seen that real wages advanced by about 10 p.c. from 1917 to 1923. The details of the computation are given in Table 18.