

Subsection 2.—Wage Rates and Hours for Various Classes of Labour*

Statistics of rates of wages and hours of labour have been collected for many years by the Federal Department of Labour and are published monthly in the *Labour Gazette* and in annual reports supplementary to the *Labour Gazette*. The first report was issued in 1921 but the records begin, in many cases, with the year 1901. The index numbers show the general movement of wage rates for the main industrial groups as well as for individual industries, but these cannot be used to 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 do not include overtime or other premium payments.

Tables 23 and 24 show the index numbers of wage rates by main industrial groups and by industries. From 1930 to 1933, the trend in wage rates was downward but increases have been general each year since that time. During the period 1939-52, the rise in the general average index number amounted to 163.3 p.c.

* More detailed information is given in the Department of Labour publication, *Wage Rates and Hours of Labour in Canada*.

23.—Index Numbers of Wage Rates for certain Main Industrial Groups, 1943-52

(1939=100)

NOTE.—Figures back to 1901 may be obtained from the Department of Labour publication, *Wage Rates and Hours of Labour in Canada, 1951*. Figures for 1921-42 are given in the 1947 Year Book, p. 650.

| Year | Logging | Coal Mining | Metal Mining | Manufacturing | Construction | Water Transportation | Steam Railways | Electric Railways | Telephones | Laundries | General Average |
|-------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 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 |
| 1949..... | 216.2 | 196.1 | 180.8 | 217.9 | 184.2 | 213.8 | 170.2 | 179.0 | 151.5 | 195.0 | 204.6 |
| 1950..... | 213.9 | 200.7 | 192.0 | 230.7 | 194.0 | 236.3 | 179.2 | 192.1 | 158.9 | 209.0 | 215.9 |
| 1951..... | 246.2 | 217.9 | 222.5 | 261.6 | 217.2 | 256.0 | 207.4 | 215.2 | 175.8 | 222.0 | 243.6 |
| 1952 ^a | 293.8 | 240.6 | 237.1 | 278.7 | 235.1 | 282.4 | 229.2 | 231.4 | 193.7 | 239.6 | 263.3 |

24.—Index Numbers of Wage Rates, by Industry, 1948-52

(1939=100)

| Industry | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 ^a |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Logging | 218.8 | 216.2 | 213.9 | 246.2 | 293.8 |
| Eastern Canada..... | 212.0 | 210.1 | 200.5 | 229.7 | 287.4 |
| British Columbia, coastal..... | 244.2 | 239.2 | 264.2 | 308.5 | 317.7 |
| Mining | 181.9 | 187.6 | 195.9 | 220.4 | 238.7 |
| Coal..... | 192.9 | 196.1 | 200.7 | 217.9 | 240.6 |
| Metal..... | 173.1 | 180.8 | 192.0 | 222.5 | 237.1 |
| Manufacturing | 205.9 | 217.9 | 230.7 | 261.6 | 278.7 |
| Primary textile products..... | 224.2 | 243.3 | 256.0 | 286.4 | 304.4 |
| Cotton yarns and broad woven goods..... | 230.6 | 248.6 | 262.0 | 288.1 | 312.4 |
| Woolen and worsted yarn and woven goods..... | 241.3 | 258.6 | 273.0 | 305.5 | 323.3 |
| Hosiery and knit goods..... | 213.8 | 230.3 | 243.6 | 274.2 | 288.9 |
| Rayon, nylon and silk textiles..... | 218.2 | 248.4 | 256.2 | 294.2 | 305.7 |
| Clothing..... | 205.9 | 212.0 | 217.3 | 236.2 | 252.3 |
| Men's and boys' suits and overcoats..... | 214.8 | 207.0 | 216.0 | 241.5 | 257.3 |
| Work clothing..... | 197.1 | 205.8 | 228.7 | 244.6 | 260.8 |
| Women's and misses' coats and suits..... | 206.3 | 210.8 | 203.8 | 204.2 | 226.9 |
| Dresses..... | 196.9 | 213.4 | 213.3 | 223.9 | 241.9 |
| Shirts..... | 209.4 | 228.0 | 230.8 | 271.1 | 277.6 |