

Size as Measured by Number of Employees.—In 1929, establishments employing 501 or more persons accounted for 27 p.c. of the total number of employees engaged in manufacturing. The tendency then in evidence of increasing concentration of production into larger units was checked by the depression, the proportion decreasing in 1933 to 21 p.c. (central electric stations included) but rising again to 26 p.c. in 1939. The same also held true for establishments employing 101 or more persons. In 1929 they employed 62 p.c. of the total, in 1933, 56 p.c., and in 1939, 62 p.c.

The effect of World War II on the concentration of industries into large units is illustrated by the increase in the number of establishments employing 501 or more hands. In 1939 such establishments numbered 172 and employed 26 p.c. of the employees engaged in manufacturing; by 1944 the number had increased to 383 and the percentage of total employees to 47. In a further subdivision of this group in 1944 it was found that 226 establishments employed between 500 and 999 persons, 56 between 1,000 and 1,499, and 101 employed over 1,500. There were 12 plants employing over 7,000 persons, the largest having an employment of slightly over 13,000.

As a result of the resumption of peace-time production, the larger establishments declined in size so that, by 1952, only 76 establishments employed over 1,500 persons. The two largest plants employed over 12,000 persons, the next employed over 11,000, followed by three employing over 9,000 and six between 5,000 and 9,000 persons.

32.—Manufacturing Establishments, classified by Number of Employees and by Province, 1951 and 1952

Year, Province or Territory	Employees—					Total
	Up to 499	500 to 799	800 to 999	1,000 to 1,499	1,500 or Over	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1951						
Newfoundland	820	—	—	1	1	822
Prince Edward Island	237	—	—	—	—	237
Nova Scotia	1,465	4	—	4	1	1,474
New Brunswick	1,074	6	2	1	1	1,084
Quebec	11,726	62	23	26	24	11,861
Ontario	12,840	88	33	29	35	13,025
Manitoba	1,505	3	1	—	3	1,512
Saskatchewan	973	—	—	—	—	973
Alberta	2,114	3	—	1	—	2,118
British Columbia	3,872	15	5	3	2	3,897
Yukon and Northwest Territories	18	—	—	—	—	18
Canada, 1951	36,644	181	64	65	67	37,021
1952						
Newfoundland	946	—	—	1	1	948
Prince Edward Island	224	—	—	—	—	224
Nova Scotia	1,523	4	1	1	4	1,533
New Brunswick	1,068	5	2	1	1	1,077
Quebec	11,893	61	25	26	19	12,024
Ontario	12,982	93	23	28	46	13,172
Manitoba	1,522	4	—	2	3	1,531
Saskatchewan	1,022	—	—	—	—	1,022
Alberta	2,144	4	1	1	—	2,150
British Columbia	4,200	14	4	5	2	4,225
Yukon and Northwest Territories	23	—	—	—	—	23
Canada, 1952	37,547	185	56	65	76	37,929