

in the groups surveyed is in the reporting establishments. There is less variation in the degree to which the provinces are covered but there are some differences partly because of the greater prevalence of small units in some areas. Another factor is the inability of certain large companies to provide an exact distribution of their employees along provincial lines, a fact that tends to exaggerate the apparent coverage in some provinces usually at the expense of the less highly industrialized areas. The province with the highest proportion of employment in reporting establishments is Ontario with 84 p.c. in the industrial groups for which statistics are collected. The lowest coverage, apart from Prince Edward Island which is predominantly agricultural, is in New Brunswick with 67 p.c. The proportion for the ten provinces is 78 p.c.

The postwar period was marked by a rising level of employment in almost all sectors of the economy, an advance which, apart from a few short-run setbacks, was not checked until the last quarter of 1953. Thus 1954 was the first year since 1946 in which industrial employment generally was lower than in the preceding year. The corresponding index figure for payrolls was only slightly below the 1953 level as the decline in employment was almost offset by a continued rise in salary and wage rates.

Although the 1954 index of employment (1949=100) was lower at 109.9 than the 1954 or 1952 indexes of 113.4 and 111.6 respectively, the fall-off did not reflect lessened activity in all sectors of the economy; some industrial divisions showed marked losses in employment and others reported improvement. There were moreover substantial variations in the movements of components of the major industrial divisions. Employment rose in public utility operations, trade, services and in finance, insurance and real estate, but expansion in these divisions was outweighed by curtailment in manufacturing as a whole, construction and transportation, storage and communication. The most marked declines among non-durable manufactures were in the textile products group which, continuing its downward trend of the past few years, reached a figure 20 points below that for 1949, and the clothing group which fell from 101.7 in 1953 to 91.9 in 1954. Among the durables there was a severe contraction in iron and steel products which fell from 111.8 in 1953 to 100.5 in 1954 and in transportation equipment which dropped to 136.2 from 153.0 in 1953. Industrial disputes seriously affected both groups, all subdivisions of which showed lower employment levels. Transportation equipment was also affected by other factors including the levelling off in the defence program, a temporary slump in automobile sales, and decreased demand for railway equipment. The iron and steel group was severely affected by the decline in farm income, reflected in lower demand for agricultural implements, and by decreased demand for capital goods which particularly affected the primary iron and steel sector. Residential construction increased in 1954 but other building work fell off and construction as a whole was well below the 1953 level as a result of the completion of several large industrial and defence projects in the early part of the year.

### 3.—Annual Average Index Numbers of Employment by Industrial Group 1945-54 and Monthly Indexes 1953 and 1954

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

Year	Forestry (chiefly log- ging)	Mining	Manu- factur- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion, Storage and Com- muni- cation	Public Utility Oper- ation	Trade	Finance, Insur- ance, Real Estate	Service <sup>1</sup>	Indus- trial Com- posite
<b>Averages—</b>										
1945.....	119.7	82.3	100.0	53.8	86.0	61.1	76.2	77.4	81.1	88.8
1946.....	123.9	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	91.5	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 <sup>2</sup> .....	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	109.3	122.5	110.9	107.5	109.9	121.9	106.6	111.6
1953.....	100.0	111.7	113.3	118.6	111.3	112.1	113.2	122.4	108.7	113.4
1954.....	95.1	109.8	107.7	110.7	109.0	115.7	114.6	127.4	111.4	109.9

For footnotes, see end of table.