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Thare was a further increase in employment at the beginring of August, accerding to statistics from 5,804 firms employing 854,604 workers, as comparsd with 849,565 on July 1. Tho index number rose from 103.7 on the latter date to 104.2 or. Aug. 1 as oompred with $95.3,94.7,100.2,93.1$ and 88.9 on Aug. 1, 1925, 1924, 1923, 1922 and 1921, respectively. At the beginning of August of the lsst two years, cur tailment in irdustrial activity was reperted, partly on account of invertories and holidays and partly owing to early harvest demands upon the labow market, factors which this year were more thar offset by a more general exparsion. Apriculture is not repras mted in these statistics, which, therefore, do not show the very important increases in employment in that industry during the sumer and autumn.

Manufacturing, construction, services, trade, comnunication and transm portation ahowad, on the wholo, moderate impr ovenent, while continued seasonal losses ware indicated in logging.

## PMPLOYMENT BY PRCVINCES

Firms in the Maritime Provinces, Quobec and pritish Columbia recorded largar paytolls, but in Ontario and the Prairie Provinces a slight falling-off was indicatod.

Meritime Frovirces:- Employmert in the Maritime Provinces showed a fur ther galn, $2,5 \overline{89}$ parsons having bean added to the staffs of the 525 co-operating fints, whose payrolls ager agated 69,655 on Aug. 1. Constructien, particulasly road work, trens4portation and fron and steel reported heightened activity, whilo coal mining vas slackst and thars war osaconal losses infish canneries and logeing. Large reductions wers noted on the corrasponding date of last year, when the indux wao lowar.

Quobec. :- Manufacturing, mining; cmranication, trade and construdtion registcradincreases in the numbers employed, thosa in the last named baing most pronowncad. Logging and shipping showad the only marked declines, although some slackaning was indicatod in iron and steel and textiles, partly owing to shutdovns for holidays and inventories. Statanants wer o received from 1,282 amployers having 249,147 workera, as against 247,454 on July 1 . The situation was much better thin at the begirning of August, 1925; sinaller additions to staffs were then reported.

Ontario. - The most outstaridins ohanges in employment in Ontario were the declinas in iron and steel plants and in railway castruction. There wer also furthar losaes in 10 gg ing. On the other hand, food, pulp and paper, rubber, textile and lumber factcries showed improvmant, as did mining, building and highway construction. The 2,646 reporting firms reduced their staffs by 556 per sons to 342,419 on Aug. I. This dxeling was considerably smallar tran thet registered on the same date a yoar ago, when tha irdax was about six points lower.

Prairie frcvincas. - Ráilway oonstruction work showad a slowing up, end ther wer also seasonal losses in logging and coalmining. Transportation, services and manufacturing, however, affor ded more employment. A combined working force of 112,798 persons was employed by the 747 firms makirg returns, comper ed with 115,328 in the fracading menth. An upward movement had been notsd on Aug. 1, 1925, but conditicns then were not es favcurable.

British Columbia.- Improvanant wag again shown in British Columbia, where the 662 mployers whose statistics were received increased thair payrolls frcm 78,742 workers cn July 1 to 80,585 on the date under revisw. Mmufacturing, especially the cirning and relatsd industries, construction, services and trade reccr ded increased activity, while thera were furthor sessorà lcsses in logging. Enployment was much briskar than at the beginning of August Iast year, when expansion hed also bean indicated.

Täblas 1 and 4 giva index numbers of employvent biz aconcmic ar aas.

## EMFLOYNENT BY CITIES

Thara were Increasea in personnel in Montreal. Quebec, Tor onto, Hamilton Winnipeg and Vancouver, whils in Ottawa and Windsor ployment declinsd.

Montra4. - Anothar but emallor gain in ermployment was registor ad by the 697 oo-oparating firms, whose staffs included 115,752 porsons, compared with 118,516 in the pr sesding month. Censtruction was considerably mor a ective and manufacturing and trade were somewhit more so. On the other hand, shipping was slackor than at the baginaing of July. Tha iner aase was loss than that recorded on Aug. 1, 1925, brit conditions than wers not as favourabio.

Qusbec. - Manfa cturing and building affor dod mere employment, whilo shipping showad a slight decreas. Statementa were raceivad room 86 empleyern with 9,113 warkars, against 8,882 on July 1. The inder was several points highar than on the cerresponding date of last year, when miner gins war indicated.

Toronto. - Employmmt in Toronto contimad to expand, socording to data frcm 745 astabilsheants mploying 96,810 persons, or.. 472 more than in their last repert. Textilo, printing and paper factorios and construction registerst the bulk of the increase, while activity decr sased in work on telaphonas and in motial plants. Ganaral improvement was also reported at the beginning of August of a yoar ago. but amploymort then was in smaller volume.

Ottawa.- A elightly dewnward tendancy was noted in ottawe, construction shewing ocmparativaly a amall reduction. The 122 reporting firma had 10,478 amployoss, as cc:upar ad with 10,572 on July 1.

Hamiltono- Furthar additions to staffs ware Indlcatod in fazilton, where the situation was batt or than in any cther month since the racord for tha city was besun in 1922. Manufacturing and censtruction wer bueler. Returns were tabulatad from 200 employers, whose payr cils agsr egetsd 30,119 workers, an incr esso of 387 over thoir last report. Raductions had bean shown at the bogiming of Aursust, 1925.

Windsor and the Other Berder Cities.- Automobile work waro scmewhat slacker, as 18 usual atmidsumor, willa little change was shown in other induatries. A combined working force of 11,934 persons was reported by the 78 co-operating firmb Whe had $12,05 j$ in the precoding month. Much larger losses wore notod on Auge 1 of last yaar.

Winnipeg.- Employmant ogain increased, chlofly in marwiacturing, out. also in comounication; 262 parsen were added to the staffs of the 275 Winnipeg anployers raking roturns. Thay had 27,430 workers. Ths index was higer then on Auq, 1 of in Iracoding year, when the movemant was also favourablaw

Fanccuver.- Ther was a large advancs in amployment. In Vancouver, accer ding to statistice from 228 firas whose paprolls rose from 24,914 on July 1 to 26,923 on Aus. 1. Fecd and tin can factorios wor sassonally active, while construction and trade alao showed lmprovement. 'The total increaso consideraily axceadel that registerod on the sams date doto in 1925; mployment then was much below its present level.

Index numbers by eitios aro given in Tables 2 and 5.

## EMPLOTMENT BY TNDUSTRIES

Manufacturing. - In contrast with the downard movement that exployment in manufactures showed at the beginning of August of the last three yoars, ther a was a malerata increse on tho dato under reviow, when 2,824 oparatives ware added to the working fercas of the 3.789 manufacturers Deporting, who had 470,603 persens in thair amplcy. The index number, at 95.8 , wa higher then in any cthe month since 1920. Ths er eatest grins or tho date under revien wer in frult and vegetabla canneries, while pulp and psper, lumber, nen-perrous metal rroducts, rubber, clay, glass and stans, tobacco, textiles end electric current were olso busisr. Employmant in iron and ateel decliried, but the losses were considerably smalle thar on Aug. 1 of 1925 ant 1924; fish caining also ceported a seasonal falling off.

Logeing. - Continuad segsonal centractions wer made in the personnel of logeing campl; 207 of which reducad their staffs frow 27,301 man on July 1 to 13,827 on Aug. 1. Bmployment on the same date in peovious year showed a dacilina.

Mining.- Ccal mining was slacker, whila improvamont was noted in metallic oro and non-metallic mineral mining. Feturns were received frcon 208 operators in the

Chart II. - EMPLOMMENT BY INCUSTRIES


Curvos ine based upon numbr of worixars revertad at first of month by firms making raturns, ins comparsd with tha munor thog ampleyed in Juruary, 1320, C. 100 .
mining group with 42,747 employees, as. compared with 42,669 in the pracaing month. Slight gains, on the whole, were also indicatad or Aug. 1, 1925.

Commication. - Telegraphs and telephones both registered hightened activity, 259 lersong being added to the payrclls of the 179 comunication compariss reporting which had 24,790 workers.

- Tranayortation. - Steam railways afforded mor employment but there were decreases in water transportation. The result was:a not lifiease of igl persons in the for ces of the 267 oo-operating employers, whose staffs totalled 112,864 . Enploymont was in greater volume than at the beginining of August of. last year, al though mor e extensive gains bad then bean recordsd.
-Construction and Mintenance.- Buifling and highway construction agin showad expension, while in railway constructicn there worio reductions. An ageregate working force of 115,196 porsors was employed by the 485 contractors and divisional superintandents" reporting, who had. 111,293 employees in their last $r$ eport. The index rumber. 0 . Aug. . 1, 1926. at 223.4, was higher than "in any other month of the record, which was begun in 1,920.

Servicas. ' Summenhotels continued "tc amploy extre help, whila littla change was noted in othe branches of the service group, Statistics were furnishad by 166 firms. heving 16,165 wer kers, of 810 more thath in the feeding month. The situstion: wa's. batter than on Aug. 1, 1925.

Trador - Furne ther improvant registerad trado, in which both retailars and wholesalers sharod; 563 stablishments. i eported 58,412 mployes, as ocmper ed with 57.964 at tho beginning of Julyt. Employment was mora activa than on Auzs 1 of any other year sifice 1920.

Tebla 3 glvoe index numbers in some 60 industries, whils Chart II shows the cours of 'employment. in four of the. leading industrial groups.

## - ZMPLOMMNT IN OTHAR COUNTRIES.

The following notes on employment in the United Kingdom are taken from the latest available issue of the British Lobcur. Gazstta; the extracts respecting conditicns in the United States ara'taken from the latost official reportarecolved.

United Fingdom. - Employment in June continuad to be sericusly affectad by the coal mining stoppage and the crisequent shertage of fusl and power. Among the worker a (rumb'er ing approximately 11,900,0c0) insur ed against uremployment under the Unemployment Insurance Acta in Great Britain aind Nor thern Ireland, the parcentage unamployod on Jund 21, 1926, was ${ }^{\text {² }} 14.7$ as comparad with 14.5 on May 24, and 11.9 on June 22, 1925. Among the members of the repef ting trade unions, the percantaga unemployed was 12.9 at the and of Juhe, compared with 13.2 at the and of May and 12.3 at the and of June, 1925.

## UNITED STATES

NEN YORK:- The usual midsumpor quietiness, with closings for. vacaticns, repairs, and inventcrios and this year afiso because of tha sever o hoat, almost accounted for tha 3 p.c. drop in employment in Nove York Stato in Jily. Tho food, printing and paper, fur fur and leather industries reported increasad actionty, whils cortinued losses were repcrted in textils and matal factories.

MASSACHUSETIS. The 981 manufactur in $n^{\prime}$ estabiishments ${ }^{\circ}$ reperting to the Stat ${ }^{\circ}$ : Doparotmont of Lator and Inchistries employsd 212,288 persons in July, as comparod with 225,698 for the same payroll woak in June.. Cottor, rubber footwar, and textile factor 1es' reported the lar gest losees, while boct and "shoe plants' showed slight improvenant

ICLNOIS: Mr Mustry in Illinois oontinued paist mideunter without a lull, in spite of hot weather; vacations and inventor ies." Employmant in Aligust was 6 p.c. above its lovel of, 屯 yoar ago. Deolines were reccried ir ir on and steel, automobile, electrical apparstus, ar ichltural implements, and some other. industries, while in fur and leather, lumber ins, clothing and lood factories there was improvamant.

WISCNSIN- The indow number. of emplcyment in-manufacturing (vith Jen. 1922 2s0 100) stcod at 128.9 in Junc, 2926, as compared with 129.5 in Juhe, 1925. There were loses in the metal and wood ereups, wila rubbar, paper, food arid some other intuatiriee rigistarad increased activity.
$x$. Not including striking coaj miners.

Mote: Number employed by the reportirg firms in Jan, $1920=100$ in overy case. The "relative weight" shows the proportion of employees in the indicated area to the total rovinor of employees reported in Canada orz the date under seview.

Tebla 1. - Index Numbers of all Employment by Ezonomic Ar 3as, and of Dominion Enploymant in Manufacturing.


Ralative Weight of Employmant by Districts and in Manuracturing as at Aug. 1,
1926.
100. $\begin{array}{lllllll}8.2 & 29.1 & 40.1 & 13.2 & 9.4 & 55.1\end{array}$

Tabla 2. - Indax Numbers of Bmiloymant by Principal Cities.
Montral Quabsc Taronto Ottava Familton Windsor Wirnipeg Vancouver

| Arug. 1, 1923 | 97.3 |  | 89.1 | 109.3 | 93.3 |  | 91.0 | 103.6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan. 1, 1924 | 86.7 |  | 85.6 | 91.0 | 79.0 |  | 85.3 | 91.1 |
| Fзb. 1 | 87.1 |  | 84.7 | 89.7 | 84. |  | 84.7 | 91.1 |
| Mar. 1 | 87.7 |  | 84.5 | 89.3 | 83.2 |  | 83.3 | 94.2 |
| Apr. 1 | 90.1 |  | 34.8 | 90.9 | 85.2 |  | 82.3 | 99.8 |
| May 1 | 92.3 |  | 85.6 | 98.3 | 86.4 |  | 83.0 | 102.2 |
| Juns 1 | 96.2 |  | 85.2 | 101.6 | 83.1 | - | 83.6 | 99.7 |
| July 1 | 94.8 |  | 83.9 | 102.3 | 81.7 |  | 85.6 | 99.0 |
| Aug. 1 | 95.1 | 96.9 | 83.9 | 101.6 | 80.9 |  | 85.5 | 102.3 |
| Sept. 1 | 92.9 | 96.4 | 85.3 | 100.6 | 79.4 |  | 86.5 | 104.0 |
| oct. 1 | 93.7 | 98.8. | 86.4 | 100.8 | 80.4 |  | 86.1 | 104. C |
| Nov. 1 | 92.4 | 100.3 | 87.0 | 94.5 | 79.6 |  | 84.2 | 103.4 |
| Dac. 1 |  | \% | 87.4 |  | 77 |  | 85.5 | 104.0 |
| Jan. 1, 1925 | 82.5 |  | 82.2 | 82.1 |  |  | 31.4 | . 27.3 |
| Fab. 1 1, | 85.3 | 201.3 | 83.0 | 86.8 | 7.3 |  | 84.2 | 97.4 |
| Mar. 1 | 86.7 | 93.2 | 용ํ.8 | 86.6 | 80.1 |  | 32.1 | 101.8 |
| Apr. $\frac{1}{1}$ | 85.5 |  | 85.1 | 9 | 80.3 |  | 83.7 | 102.5 |
|  | -91. | 91.9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Junal | 95.6 | 95.7 | 86.7 | 100.1 | 83.9 | 85.2 | 85.5 | 103.1 |
| July 1 | 95.7 | 93.9 | : 27.6 | 100.5 | 86.0 | 87.1 | 85.6 | 105.5 |
| Aug. 1 | 97.0 | 93.8 | 37.7 | 100.2 | 84.8 | 59.0 | 87.7 | 111.4 |
| Sept. 1 | 97.3 | 97.4 | 88.5 | 98.5 | 86.9 | 85. 6 | 88.0 | 113.9 |
| Oct. 1 |  | 100.3 | 89.8 | 101. | 88.3 | 94.8 | 89.4 | 113.9 |
| (icv. 1 |  | 99.4 | 89.7 | 96.8 | 87.7 | 62.9 | 92.5 | 112.0 |
| Dac. 1 | 97. 0 | 64.4 | 98.4 | 80.4 | 86.7 | 53. |  | 110.7 |
| Jan. 1, 1926 | 88.0 | 89.9 | 86.1 | 87.7 | 85.0 | 57.1 | 39.3 | 105.8 |
| Fob. 1' ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 88.3 | 90.6 | 86.5 | 87.0 | 8 8.9 | 96.1 | 89.8 | 109.4 |
| Mar. 1 | 89.6 | 22.3 | 37.1 | 85.3 | 88.5 | 100.5 | 50.3 | 107.6 |
| fipr. 1 | 93.1 |  | $87^{\circ} 7$ | 86.5 | $90^{\circ} 3$ | 102.8 | 50.7 | 112.6 |
| May 1 | 96.0 | 200.4 | 89.8 | 91.5 | 94. | 108.5 | 92.7 | 116.8 |
| tuna 1 |  |  | 98.2 |  |  | 111.5 |  | 115.2 |
| July 1 | 104.5 | 101.6 | 30.7 | 101.2 |  | 110.3 | 98.3 | 115.3 |
| Aug. 1 | 104.8 | 104.2 | 91.1 | 99.3 | 98.8 | 107.7 | 98.7 | 123.8 |
| Fielativo | at of | mraployment | by c | tes as | Hug. 1 | 2926. |  |  |
|  | 13.9 | 1.1 | 11.5 | 3.2 | 3. | 1.4 | 3.2 | 3.1 |

Tuble 3-Index Numbers of mployment in Canada by Industrisa (Jan. 1920-100)


Not 3:- Tha "relativs weight" colum shows the proportion that the number of employees in the indicated industry is of the total number of employees reported in all industrias by"the firms mokinig returnis on the date under revew.

TABLE 4 - Index Numbars of Employment by Economic Araas and Industrios,


$x$ Proportion of employees in indicated industry within a city to the number of amployoes reportad in thet $c i t y$ by the firm makin $B$ raturne.


