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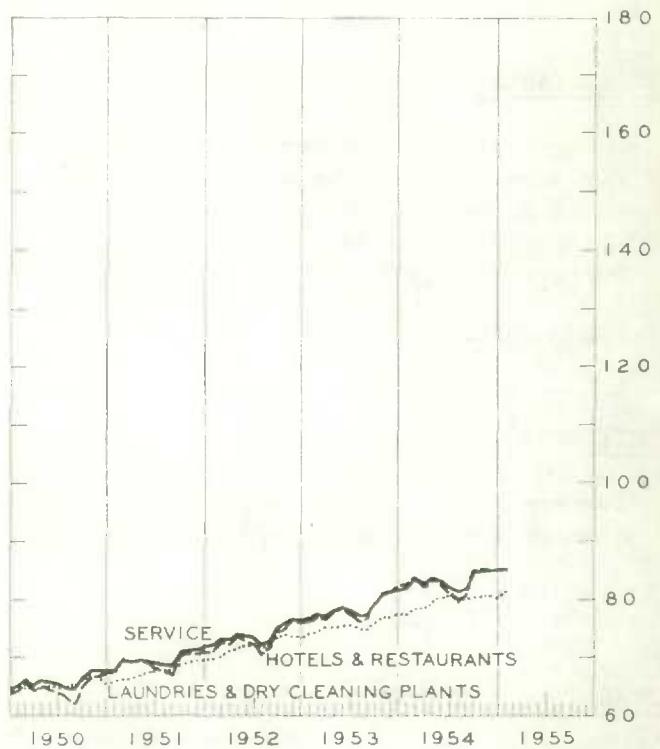
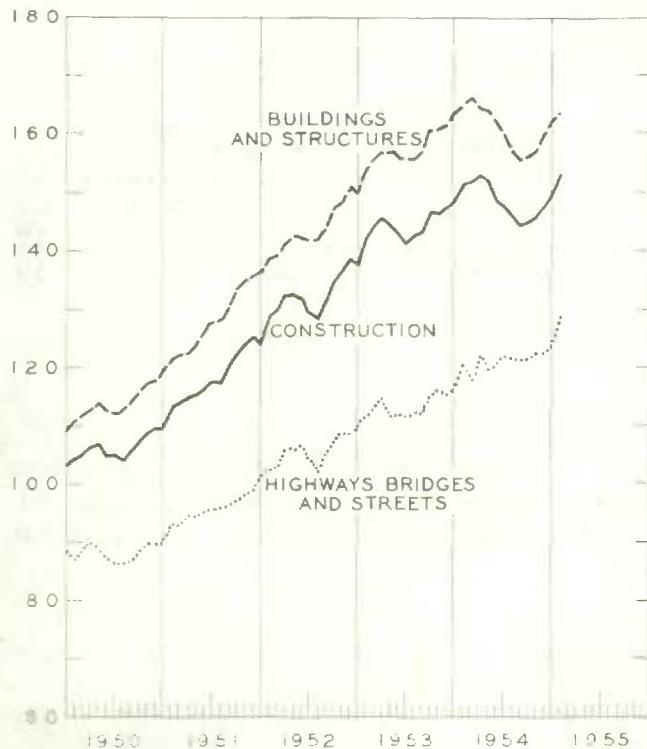
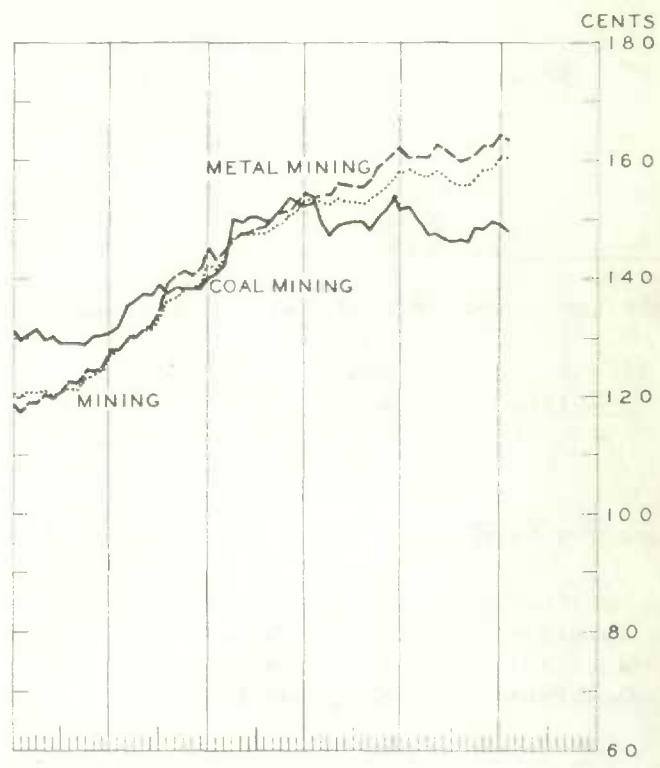
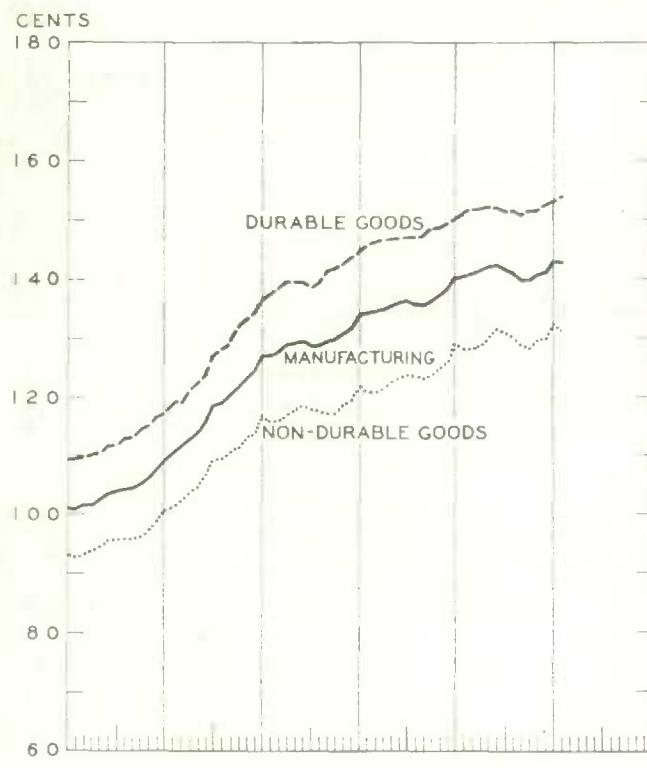
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AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES, CANADA



MAN-HOURS AND HOURLY EARNINGS, FEBRUARY, 1955.

Canada

Manufacturing. - Changes in industrial distribution and the resumption of more normal operations following the year-end holidays accounted for a fractional decline in the average hourly earnings of hourly-rated wage-earners reported in manufacturing at Feb. 1, as compared with Jan. 1. The averages for these dates, at 142.7 cents and 142.8 cents, respectively, were the highest in the record, well above the Dec. 1 figure of 141.2 cents. The aggregate hours worked rose by 4.7 p.c., and the average working week by 1.6 hours. Reflecting generally longer hours, the weekly wages rose by \$2.24 to \$58.36, the maximum in the record.

The average hourly earnings in durable goods manufacturing were 0.9 cents higher than at Jan. 1. Earnings advanced in all main branches of the industry except non-ferrous metal product manufacturing. In this group, premium payments for holiday work had resulted in an unusually high average for Jan. 1, as it had at that date in preceding years. In the transportation equipment group, earnings were lower in shipyards, in large part because of industrial disputes in British Columbia, where rates are above the general average. The average hours worked were higher in most groups, an exception being motor vehicle manufacturing in which some wage-earners who had been on strike returned to work at the end of the pay period.

In non-durable goods manufacturing, the average hourly earnings were 1.1 cents lower than at Jan. 1, but were 1.2 cents above the Dec. 1 average. Changes in industrial distribution and reduced overtime work in some classes were mainly responsible for the decline. During the period under review, the aggregate hours worked in industries such as leather products, clothing and textiles, which employ large numbers of women, increased substantially. On the other hand, there was little change in the totals of hours worked in paper products, printing and publishing, oil refineries, etc., where the proportions of women workers are small and earnings generally are above the average in the non-durable goods category. The average hours worked were 1.8 hours longer, and the average weekly wages, \$1.93 higher.

Non-Manufacturing. The average hours worked and the average weekly wages in mining rose at Feb. 1 from their Jan. 1 levels, but there was a small decline in average hourly earnings. These were lower in the metal mining group because of lower bonuses and decreased premium payments, and in coal mining in which fewer wage-earners and lower earnings were reported in both Nova Scotia and Alberta.

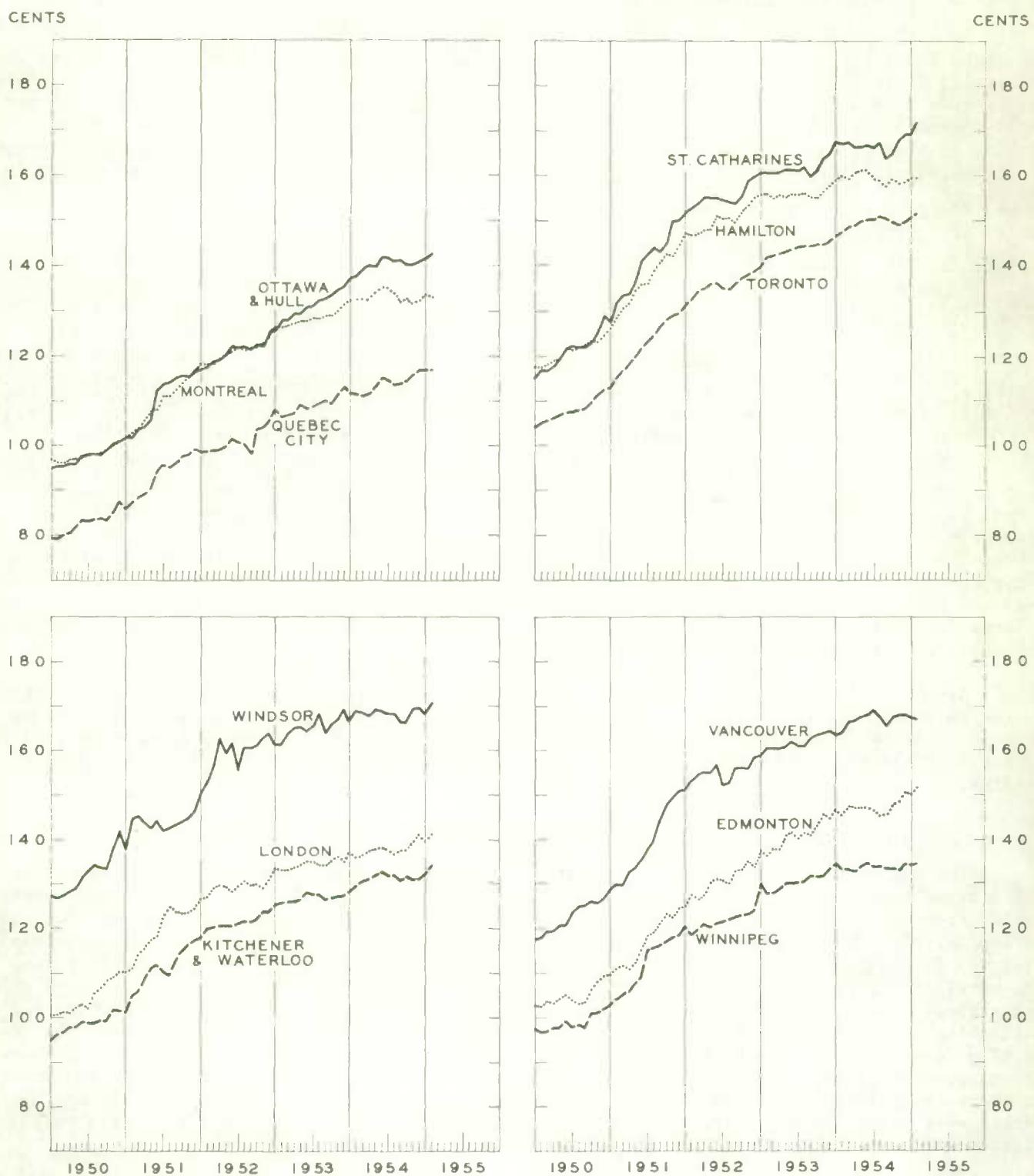
Although fewer wage-earners were employed at Feb. 1 than at Jan. 1 in building construction, their aggregate and average hours were substantially higher, and their average hourly earnings rose by 1.4 cents. The usual seasonal reductions in staffs and in aggregate hours were reported in highway construction. With the lay-off of lower-paid workers and changes in geographic distribution, the hourly earnings rose by over 5 cents. The average hours worked were also higher in the week of Feb. 1.

Provinces

The average hourly earnings of factory wage-earners in Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta were higher at Feb. 1 than at Jan. 1. The other provinces showed declines varying from 0.3 cents in Saskatchewan to 2.8 cents in Newfoundland. Because of the resumption of more normal operations following the holiday season, the average working week was longer in all provinces. The weekly wages, consequently, rose in all provinces but Newfoundland.

The reduction in average hourly earnings in manufacturing in Newfoundland followed the same trend as in many earlier years for which data are available. The drop was due in large part to changes in industrial distribution. Substantial increases in the average hours worked in the food and beverage and wood product groups were partly offset by shortened hours in pulp and paper mills and iron and steel product factories. The aggregate hours reported were higher in many of the major manufacturing industries of Nova Scotia; there were large gains in the food and beverage

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IN SPECIFIED METROPOLITAN AREAS



and clothing groups, in which many casual and female workers are employed and rates are below the provincial average for manufacturing. As a result, the hourly earnings fell by 1.7 cents. With a longer working week, however, the average weekly wages advanced moderately. A substantial increase in lower-paid employees and a relatively greater gain in the aggregate hours in saw and planing mills in New Brunswick were largely responsible for a drop of 2.3 cents in hourly earnings in manufacturing generally in the province.

In Quebec, the average hourly earnings in manufacturing fell by 0.8 cents, but were 0.6 cents above the Dec. 1 figure. The decline in the month was mainly a result of changes in industrial distribution following the holiday season. The aggregate hours reported in manufacturing rose by 6.1 p.c.; in the leather products and clothing industries, where many women are employed and rates are below the general average, there were seasonal increases, exceeding 19 p.c. in both cases. With a gain of 2.2 hours in the length of the working week, the average weekly wages of factory workers rose by \$2.50, to \$53.89, the same as at Dec. 1, the maximum in the record.

The average hourly earnings in manufacturing in Ontario reached a new peak of 150.4 cents at Feb. 1. The increase of 0.8 cents was due partly to more overtime in a number of industries, scattered wage-rate increases, and a higher level of employment in the motor vehicle and agricultural implement groups. In Manitoba, the average hourly earnings in manufacturing generally rose slightly during the month. The average and aggregate hours worked were also substantially higher than at Jan. 1. Industrially, the greatest gain in hourly earnings occurred in food and beverage factories, in which a seasonal decline in the number of lower-paid workers during the pay period was partly responsible for a gain of 4.4 cents in the hourly rate in the group.

Decreased premium overtime payments in oil refineries contributed materially to a small drop in average hourly earnings in manufacturing as a whole in Saskatchewan. Reflecting more normal working hours than in the holiday week of Jan. 1 and recent wage-rate increases, the average hourly earnings in meat packing were higher than a month earlier. In Alberta, the average hourly earnings in manufacturing were 1.5 cents above their level at Jan. 1, establishing a new maximum. Changes in industrial distribution were partly responsible for the gain; decreased seasonal employment was reported in food processing, notably in sugar refineries, and there was a large increase in aggregate and average hours in iron and steel product factories. Wage-rate increases in petroleum refineries also contributed.

Average hourly earnings in British Columbia fell by 0.4 cents, partly because of a strike in the shipbuilding industry, resulting in an unfavourable change in industrial distribution. Reduced overtime in non-ferrous metal smelters, and an increase of lower-paid workers in canning factories, following the termination of an industrial dispute, were also factors in the general decline.

Metropolitan Areas

The aggregate hours reported in manufacturing were greater at Feb. 1 than at Jan. 1 in all metropolitan areas for which statistics are published, except Ottawa-Hull. The increases varied from 0.9 p.c. in Vancouver and 1.5 p.c. in Quebec, to 7.2 p.c. in Montreal and 10.4 p.c. in London. The gain in Vancouver was below the general average, largely because of industrial disputes in shipyards. In Quebec, reductions in staff in shipbuilding, chemical factories and non-metallic mineral manufacturing partly offset gains in clothing, leather goods and some other industries. The decline in Ottawa-Hull was partly due to industrial disputes in printing and publishing and lower employment in breweries, iron and steel and a few other classes. The unusually large increases in Montreal were associated with higher employment and much longer average hours, notably in the clothing industry. In London, resumption of normal operations following an above-average decline at Jan. 1 were indicated in a number of industries. The average hours worked were higher in all cities but Windsor, where there was no change in the general weekly figure.

Manufacturers in all cities except Montreal and Vancouver reported higher average hourly earnings at Feb. 1 than at Jan. 1. The declines in these two cities were due to the changes in industrial distribution mentioned above. The largest increases were in St. Catharines, Kitchener and Windsor, and were partly due to increased overtime in the rubber and transportation equipment industries, with a general return to more usual conditions than were depicted in the Jan. 1 survey. The average weekly wages were higher in all cities listed than a month earlier and in most cases also exceeded the Feb. 1, 1954 averages.

TABLE 1. Average Hours and Average Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners, Canada, by Industry

Industry	Average Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Wages			Wage-Earners Reported at Feb. 1 1955
	Feb. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1955	Feb. 1 1954	Feb. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1955	Feb. 1 1954	Feb. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1955	Feb. 1 1954	
Mining	no.	no.	no.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	no.
Metal mining	43.5	41.3	42.6	160.3	160.6	168.3	89.73	66.33	67.44	75,262
Gold (a)	44.7	42.1	44.6	163.6	164.4	160.9	73.13	69.21	71.76	43,966
Other metal (b)	46.9	44.7	46.1	159.1	139.0	133.2	65.24	62.13	61.41	16,008
Fuels	43.5	40.7	43.7	178.7	179.9	177.2	77.73	73.22	77.44	27,958
Coal	41.2	39.9	39.3	156.2	156.3	157.4	64.35	62.36	61.86	21,327
Oil and natural gas	39.2	38.8	37.7	147.9	149.3	152.6	57.98	57.93	57.53	15,875
Non-metal (c)	47.1	43.3	45.5	176.4	175.8	172.5	83.08	76.03	78.49	5,452
Manufacturing	42.5	40.9	41.6	153.6	152.8	148.8	65.28	62.50	61.90	9,969
	40.9	39.3	40.7	142.7	142.8	140.4	58.36	56.12	57.14	779,615
Food and beverages	40.6	39.0	40.9	125.3	126.3	121.7	50.87	49.26	49.78	76,865
Meat products	40.4	39.5	39.6	153.7	152.6	148.9	62.09	60.28	58.96	16,127
Canned and preserved fruits and vegetables	39.3	35.3	40.3	108.8	110.7	107.8	42.76	39.08	43.44	5,911
Grain mill products	40.2	39.1	41.4	136.0	136.0	134.4	54.67	53.18	55.64	4,932
Bread and other bakery products	43.0	42.5	42.9	108.1	108.8	108.9	46.48	46.24	46.72	8,890
Distilled and malt liquors	39.7	40.5	38.9	159.1	168.5	165.9	63.16	64.19	59.87	9,691
Tobacco and tobacco products	40.4	35.9	40.3	121.6	124.3	117.8	49.13	44.62	47.47	9,572
Rubber products	41.8	40.3	40.8	146.4	144.8	147.0	61.20	58.35	59.98	14,952
Leather products	40.0	37.1	40.4	100.5	100.9	98.6	40.20	37.43	39.83	21,201
Boots and shoes (except rubber)	39.3	38.0	40.0	96.9	96.7	94.4	38.08	34.81	37.76	14,368
Textile products (except clothing)	42.7	40.6	40.6	110.8	110.7	110.0	47.31	44.94	44.66	48,167
Cotton yarn and broad woven goods	40.7	39.3	37.6	111.8	111.8	110.6	45.50	43.94	41.69	17,856
Woollen goods	43.8	41.5	41.3	104.1	103.5	104.9	45.60	42.95	43.32	8,637
Synthetic textiles and silk	45.4	42.2	44.2	116.2	116.7	113.7	52.76	49.25	50.26	11,036
Clothing (textile and fur)	38.3	34.5	37.5	99.0	99.1	98.5	37.92	34.19	36.94	67,214
Men's clothing	37.6	33.8	37.6	98.7	98.7	96.9	37.11	33.36	36.43	23,338
Women's clothing	36.8	32.4	36.5	103.9	103.6	104.2	38.24	33.57	38.03	15,156
Knit goods	39.9	36.4	38.0	97.2	97.4	98.6	38.78	36.45	37.47	15,901
*Wood products	41.7	39.1	40.4	127.7	127.4	122.8	53.25	49.81	49.61	67,393
Saw and planing mills	41.0	38.0	38.9	136.9	137.2	131.7	56.15	52.14	51.23	42,445
Furniture	42.6	41.1	42.6	115.6	115.1	113.0	49.25	47.31	48.14	17,086
Other wood products (d)	43.6	40.4	45.0	107.0	107.1	106.5	46.65	43.27	45.80	7,862
Paper products	42.3	41.1	43.1	163.7	162.9	168.0	89.25	66.95	68.10	66,039
Pulp and paper mills	42.7	41.6	43.8	174.7	173.8	189.5	74.60	72.30	74.24	49,558
Other paper products (e)	41.0	39.4	41.2	129.3	128.1	123.3	53.01	50.47	50.80	16,481
Printing, publishing and allied industries	39.6	39.4	39.8	168.8	167.1	162.2	66.84	65.84	64.56	28,085
*Iron and steel products	40.8	39.4	40.4	150.0	158.0	156.2	65.28	62.25	63.10	112,468
Agricultural implements	40.5	38.7	39.1	170.3	164.9	186.7	68.97	63.82	66.18	9,326
Fabricated and structural steel	41.4	38.9	39.3	165.6	164.3	163.9	68.56	63.91	64.41	6,509
Hardware and tools	41.2	40.4	40.5	145.5	145.0	141.6	59.95	58.58	57.35	8,068
Heating and cooking appliances	39.7	37.6	39.5	141.4	140.0	136.9	56.14	52.64	54.08	5,360
Iron castings	41.4	40.1	40.5	156.0	163.4	155.2	64.58	61.51	62.86	13,123
Machinery manufacturing (f)	41.6	40.1	41.9	164.3	152.7	151.0	64.19	61.23	63.27	21,814
Primary iron and steel	39.7	39.4	39.4	174.5	173.2	170.4	69.28	68.24	67.14	24,376
Sheet metal products	40.6	37.9	40.2	154.8	152.2	147.0	62.85	57.68	59.09	11,428
*Transportation equipment	40.9	39.7	41.1	164.6	163.7	161.2	67.32	64.99	66.25	106,450
Aircraft and parts	41.2	40.5	44.0	172.0	170.0	165.1	70.86	68.85	72.64	24,715
Motor vehicles	41.2	43.0	41.5	175.6	172.7	171.4	72.35	74.26	71.13	17,698
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	41.4	40.5	39.4	159.2	166.5	161.7	70.06	67.43	65.71	16,315
Railroad and rolling stock equipment	39.9	38.8	39.1	159.0	157.8	159.5	63.44	61.23	62.36	27,788
Shipbuilding and repairing	41.4	36.0	41.1	160.8	155.2	147.8	62.43	55.87	60.56	18,794
*Non-ferrous metal products	41.1	40.8	41.0	162.7	163.8	168.2	66.87	66.83	64.86	39,344
Aluminum products	41.1	40.1	40.8	146.4	147.4	148.2	60.17	59.11	60.47	4,724
Brass and copper products	41.6	41.1	41.2	152.1	150.5	147.1	63.12	61.86	60.61	6,722
Smelting and refining	41.2	41.2	40.9	176.2	177.5	171.6	72.59	73.13	70.18	22,637
*Electrical apparatus and supplies	40.4	38.9	40.2	150.1	147.9	148.9	60.64	57.53	59.86	47,306
Heavy electrical machinery and equipment ¹	39.7	39.1	40.1	164.4	164.8	164.7	65.27	64.44	66.04	11,244
*Non-metallic mineral products (g)	43.3	41.4	43.2	145.3	144.8	140.0	62.91	59.86	60.48	22,163
Clay products	43.9	42.6	44.4	136.1	136.0	131.0	59.75	57.94	58.16	4,430
Glass and glass products	43.2	41.2	43.7	144.5	144.3	137.9	62.42	59.45	60.26	5,806
Products of petroleum and coal	40.8	42.3	41.2	190.6	191.7	183.5	77.76	81.09	75.60	7,554
Chemical products	41.4	41.6	41.6	148.0	147.2	141.9	61.27	61.24	59.03	30,345
Medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations	41.0	40.8	41.3	123.0	121.5	118.4	50.43	49.57	48.90	3,708
Acids, alkalis and salts	42.3	44.2	42.1	169.5	169.4	168.0	71.70	74.87	67.70	5,314
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries	41.3	39.6	40.8	117.2	117.1	115.3	48.40	46.37	47.04	15,498
*Durable goods	41.1	39.6	40.8	153.9	153.0	151.4	63.25	60.59	61.77	394,123
Non-durable goods	40.8	39.0	40.6	131.2	132.3	127.9	53.53	51.60	51.93	385,492
Construction	39.7	35.1	39.7	152.9	149.1	151.5	60.70	52.33	60.16	121,860
Buildings and structures (h)	39.4	34.3	38.5	163.4	162.0	165.1	64.38	55.57	63.56	85,842
Highways, bridges and streets	40.6	36.9	41.3	128.4	123.3	120.1	52.13	46.50	49.60	56,018
Electric and motor transportation (i)	45.0	44.8	46.0	141.6	142.4	139.0	63.72	63.94	63.94	28,856
Service (j)	40.2	39.9	40.8	86.2	86.0	82.1	54.25	53.92	53.50	42,989
Hotels and restaurants	40.7	40.8	41.5	85.0	85.0	82.6	54.60	34.68	34.28	28,162
Laundries and dry cleaning plants	40.0	38.8	40.2	81.2	80.2	77.0	52.48	31.12	30.95	12,530

For footnotes (a) to (j) see explanatory notes at the end of this report. *Durable manufactured goods industries. 1. Index numbers of average hourly earnings in the heavy electrical machinery and equipment industry are given in Table 9.

TABLE 2. Average Hours and Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners in Specified Industries, Provinces

Province and Industry	Average Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Wages			Wage-Earners Reported at Feb. 1 1955 no.
	Feb. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1955	Feb. 1 1954	Feb. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1955	Feb. 1 1954	Feb. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1955	Feb. 1 1954	
	no.	no.	no.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Newfoundland										
Mining	40.0	36.8	48.5	151.9	156.3	149.0	60.76	57.52	72.27	2,681
Manufacturing	39.9	39.3	44.0	140.1	142.9	140.6	55.80	56.16	61.82	6,657
Food and beverages	33.8	29.9	40.3	89.8	90.4	81.8	30.35	27.03	32.97	2,049
Canned and cured fish	30.4	24.1	37.7	84.3	83.7	76.0	25.63	20.17	28.65	1,494
Pulp and paper mills	43.8	45.2	47.2	180.5	177.4	179.4	79.06	80.18	84.68	2,861
Buildings and structures (h)	43.7	32.8	45.8	130.5	128.2	134.1	57.03	42.05	61.42	2,431
Nova Scotia										
Coal mining	41.7	42.0	39.2	139.4	140.5	140.2	58.13	59.01	54.96	10,324
Manufacturing	40.8	38.0	40.0	123.5	125.2	126.9	50.39	47.58	50.76	19,448
Canned and cured fish	40.3	33.9	38.4	95.8	96.1	94.4	38.61	32.58	36.25	1,809
Wood products	44.6	39.9	42.0	75.2	75.1	73.8	33.54	29.96	31.00	1,692
Iron and steel products	38.9	38.4	38.7	154.1	151.2	154.2	59.94	58.06	59.68	4,776
Primary iron and steel	38.3	38.2	38.6	162.9	158.6	160.1	62.39	60.59	61.64	3,626
Transportation equipment	40.7	39.4	40.7	140.3	141.8	143.3	57.10	55.87	58.32	6,792
Shipbuilding and repairing	40.5	39.5	41.7	140.9	142.8	144.2	57.21	56.12	60.13	4,760
Buildings and structures (h)	38.4	32.7	39.6	124.0	120.7	124.5	47.62	39.47	48.55	2,603
Highways, bridges and street construction	32.7	30.9	34.3	97.1	96.3	101.9	31.75	29.76	34.92	2,031
New Brunswick										
Manufacturing	42.4	40.1	41.3	126.1	128.4	126.5	53.47	51.49	52.24	13,260
Food and beverages	44.1	43.0	44.3	99.9	100.6	99.9	44.06	43.26	44.26	2,638
Saw and planing mills	47.0	42.8	46.1	82.8	83.7	81.9	38.92	35.82	37.76	1,996
Pulp and paper mills	40.4	37.4	41.7	176.2	175.1	173.5	71.18	65.49	72.36	3,211
Transportation equipment	40.5	40.0	39.0	150.5	150.3	152.2	60.95	60.12	59.35	2,447
Buildings and structures (h)	39.4	34.9	37.0	124.3	116.4	120.1	48.97	40.62	44.44	1,261
Highways, bridges and street construction	45.3	32.0	42.1	101.0	102.3	98.6	45.75	32.74	41.51	1,763
Quebec										
Metal mining	48.7	44.7	48.6	140.8	142.5	130.5	68.57	63.70	63.42	10,211
Non-metal mining (c)	42.2	41.9	41.6	184.4	183.5	158.8	69.38	68.51	66.06	6,288
Manufacturing	42.1	39.9	42.1	128.0	128.8	126.6	53.89	51.39	53.30	254,362
Tobacco	40.1	37.9	39.6	146.2	145.4	138.4	58.63	55.11	54.81	5,746
Leather products	39.7	35.4	40.2	92.7	92.7	91.0	38.80	32.82	36.58	10,656
Boots and shoes (except rubber)	39.6	35.0	40.0	93.5	92.9	91.1	37.03	32.52	36.44	8,395
Textile products (except clothing)	44.0	41.9	42.2	104.1	104.3	103.6	45.80	43.70	43.72	26,834
Cotton yarn and broad woven goods	41.6	42.2	39.5	110.1	110.5	108.3	45.80	46.67	42.78	11,648
Woollen goods	46.5	40.6	44.0	100.9	100.1	99.2	46.92	40.64	43.65	2,977
Synthetic textiles and silk	47.1	42.4	45.5	100.9	100.3	100.7	47.52	42.53	45.82	7,321
Clothing (textile and fur)	38.4	34.2	38.2	96.5	96.4	96.6	37.06	32.97	36.80	39,944
Men's clothing	38.2	33.4	38.1	97.7	98.9	97.4	37.32	33.03	37.11	14,249
Women's clothing	36.0	31.8	35.3	102.0	101.6	103.0	36.72	32.51	36.36	10,222
Knit goods	41.5	37.3	41.7	94.1	92.8	96.4	39.05	34.51	40.20	7,129
Wood products	46.2	43.5	45.6	95.5	95.3	94.4	44.12	41.67	43.05	13,528
Saw and planing mills	48.3	44.2	45.3	92.3	91.5	91.0	44.58	40.44	41.22	6,829
Paper products	43.3	42.4	44.7	157.1	157.2	150.0	68.02	66.65	67.06	26,430
Pulp and paper mills	43.6	43.1	45.3	156.3	166.2	159.3	72.51	71.83	72.16	21,846
Printing, publishing and allied industries	40.2	38.9	40.2	164.7	162.5	161.3	66.21	63.21	64.84	7,296
Iron and steel products	42.8	40.7	42.7	144.4	143.3	142.2	61.80	58.32	60.72	23,839
Machinery manufacturing (f)	44.4	42.4	44.9	140.2	138.6	137.6	62.25	58.77	61.78	6,237
Transportation equipment	41.9	38.1	43.1	152.8	152.8	151.3	64.02	58.22	65.21	26,204
Aircraft and parts	42.8	42.2	48.7	157.4	153.2	157.2	67.37	64.65	76.56	7,227
Railroad and rolling stock equipment	39.8	38.4	38.9	180.8	159.9	159.2	64.00	61.40	61.93	11,301
Non-ferrous metal products	42.3	42.0	42.7	156.0	157.2	152.0	66.89	66.02	64.80	13,474
Smelting and refining	41.9	42.1	42.1	170.4	169.6	164.6	71.40	71.40	69.30	9,100
Electrical apparatus and supplies	41.6	40.0	42.1	144.1	141.0	137.2	59.95	56.40	57.76	11,735
Chemical products	41.8	41.8	42.2	135.5	135.5	128.2	56.84	56.84	54.10	13,050
Buildings and structures (h)	41.3	35.4	39.1	160.1	149.6	146.2	61.99	52.92	57.16	24,529
Highways, bridges and street construction	42.3	37.9	47.6	119.3	111.7	98.1	50.46	42.33	46.70	9,363
Electric and motor transportation (i)	48.2	47.6	48.8	128.8	129.6	126.3	62.08	61.69	61.63	8,262
Service (j)	42.8	42.3	43.7	77.5	77.4	75.2	33.17	32.74	32.86	9,328
Ontario										
Metal mining	43.6	41.9	42.7	167.1	167.7	165.7	72.69	70.27	70.75	22,488
Manufacturing	40.6	39.5	40.3	150.4	149.6	147.9	61.06	59.09	59.60	378,336
Food and beverages	40.9	39.2	41.0	126.8	128.1	122.9	51.86	50.22	50.39	31,867
Meat products	41.0	40.7	40.8	150.7	149.5	145.9	61.79	60.85	59.53	5,807
Canned and preserved fruits and vegetables	40.0	35.0	40.8	117.3	118.2	114.8	46.92	41.37	46.84	3,891
Bread and other bakery products	42.2	42.0	43.1	104.8	105.0	103.8	44.23	44.10	44.74	4,491
Rubber products	40.6	39.9	40.4	161.0	157.3	157.5	65.37	62.76	63.63	9,991
Leather products	40.4	38.8	40.7	109.8	109.6	107.6	44.36	42.52	43.79	9,474
Boots and shoes (except rubber)	35.0	37.2	40.1	102.4	102.2	100.1	39.94	38.02	40.14	5,326
Textile products (except clothing)	41.0	38.9	39.0	120.3	119.9	119.4	49.32	46.64	46.57	19,080
Cotton yarn and broad woven goods	38.8	34.1	35.0	116.1	115.1	115.8	45.05	39.26	40.53	5,740
Woolen goods	42.5	42.1	40.0	106.7	106.1	109.1	45.35	44.67	43.64	5,281
Synthetic textiles and silk	42.2	41.8	41.5	149.5	150.0	146.3	63.09	62.70	60.71	3,088
Clothing (textile and fur)	37.9	35.1	36.1	106.7	106.7	105.1	40.44	37.45	37.94	20,428
Knit goods	38.5	36.4	35.0	102.0	102.8	102.8	39.27	37.42	35.98	7,600

Footnotes (a) to (j) appear in explanatory notes at the end of this report.

TABLE 2. Average Hours and Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners in Specified Industries, Provinces

Province and Industry	Average Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Wages			Wage-Earners Reported at Feb. 1 1955 no.
	Feb. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1955	Feb. 1 1954	Feb. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1955	Feb. 1 1954	Feb. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1955	Feb. 1 1954	
	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Ontario — concluded										
Wood products.....	42.8	40.9	42.7	115.8	116.0	113.4	49.56	47.04	48.42	19,137
Saw and planing mills.....	42.8	40.5	42.9	110.9	110.7	109.6	47.47	44.83	47.02	5,995
Furniture.....	42.9	41.4	42.4	120.0	118.9	117.1	51.48	49.22	49.55	9,684
Paper products.....	41.6	40.2	41.8	162.6	161.1	156.5	67.64	64.76	65.42	24,545
Pulp and paper mills.....	42.0	40.4	42.1	178.2	177.2	173.3	74.84	71.59	72.96	15,306
Other paper products (e).....	41.1	39.8	41.4	136.2	134.5	130.1	55.98	53.53	53.86	9,239
Printing, publishing and allied industries.....	39.4	39.6	39.8	172.3	170.5	165.5	67.89	67.52	65.87	15,711
Iron and steel products.....	40.2	39.4	38.9	165.7	163.5	161.5	66.61	64.42	64.44	73,749
Agricultural implements.....	40.3	38.8	38.9	173.2	167.8	171.3	69.80	65.11	66.54	8,864
Iron castings.....	40.1	39.7	39.4	163.3	159.2	160.5	65.48	63.20	63.24	7,837
Machinery manufacturing (f).....	40.6	39.4	41.0	160.1	158.7	157.2	65.00	62.53	64.45	13,141
Primary iron and steel.....	79.4	39.9	39.3	180.7	179.8	176.5	71.20	71.74	69.36	17,196
Sheet metal products.....	40.3	38.4	40.3	153.4	150.9	146.4	61.82	57.95	59.00	6,754
Transportation equipment.....	40.9	40.8	40.8	173.6	171.6	168.1	71.00	70.01	68.58	56,921
Aircraft and parts.....	40.5	39.5	41.2	183.4	182.2	174.1	74.28	71.97	71.73	15,276
Motor vehicles.....	41.0	43.0	41.4	177.3	174.2	172.5	72.69	74.91	71.46	17,000
Motor vehicle parts and accessories.....	41.3	40.4	39.3	170.7	167.9	162.8	70.50	67.83	63.98	15,719
Railroad and rolling stock equipment.....	40.5	39.6	40.6	158.8	157.7	154.7	64.31	62.45	66.87	5,901
Non-ferrous metal products.....	39.9	39.7	40.0	163.8	164.5	159.9	65.36	65.31	63.96	20,551
Brass and copper products.....	41.3	40.8	39.8	158.6	154.9	152.1	65.50	63.20	60.54	3,774
Smelting and refining.....	39.7	39.5	39.6	180.2	183.2	176.5	71.54	72.36	69.93	9,097
Electrical apparatus and supplies.....	40.0	38.6	39.6	152.8	150.8	153.4	61.12	58.21	60.75	34,697
Non-metallic mineral products (g).....	42.9	40.8	43.1	151.2	150.0	147.1	64.86	61.20	63.40	11,587
Chemical products.....	40.9	41.3	41.3	157.4	155.8	152.2	64.38	64.38	62.86	14,459
Buildings and structures (h).....	39.0	33.9	38.9	174.4	172.8	168.8	68.02	58.58	65.66	32,931
Highways, bridges and street construction.....	42.8	38.2	39.7	128.5	126.9	126.7	55.00	48.48	50.30	10,249
Electric and motor transportation (i).....	44.8	45.1	45.9	149.3	148.8	144.7	86.89	67.11	66.42	12,632
Service (j).....	39.9	39.4	40.6	82.9	82.7	81.3	33.08	32.58	33.01	15,396
Hotels and restaurants.....	40.9	40.8	41.8	81.0	80.9	80.5	33.13	33.01	33.65	9,805
Manitoba										
Manufacturing.....	40.0	38.6	40.5	136.3	136.1	134.8	54.52	52.53	54.59	26,541
Food and beverages.....	38.1	39.9	40.6	145.2	140.8	138.8	55.32	56.18	56.35	5,098
Meat products.....	39.3	37.9	39.2	164.8	162.5	158.7	64.77	61.59	62.21	2,280
Clothing (textile and fur).....	39.4	35.2	40.2	93.6	92.6	90.6	36.88	32.60	36.42	4,131
Iron and steel products.....	42.4	36.4	42.4	145.9	144.2	143.9	61.86	52.49	61.01	2,864
Transportation equipment.....	39.5	39.2	39.2	154.2	152.6	154.5	60.91	59.82	60.56	6,826
Buildings and structures (h).....	37.2	35.8	35.4	155.7	152.2	146.5	57.92	53.88	51.86	4,838
Highways, bridges and street construction.....	34.0	33.5	34.7	121.7	117.8	117.1	41.38	39.46	40.63	1,338
Service (j).....	38.7	38.7	39.7	88.8	87.6	82.9	34.37	33.90	32.91	3,730
Saskatchewan										
Manufacturing.....	40.0	39.2	40.5	148.0	146.3	141.6	59.20	58.13	57.35	4,321
Meat products.....	39.3	37.7	37.1	160.7	157.8	153.6	63.16	59.49	56.95	715
Buildings and structures (h).....	37.7	35.8	35.3	156.0	155.9	159.3	58.81	55.81	56.23	2,419
Highways, bridges and street construction.....	36.4	35.3	36.3	126.0	127.1	119.6	46.86	44.87	43.41	1,047
Service (j).....	39.9	40.7	41.4	87.8	88.2	84.7	35.03	35.90	35.07	2,906
Alberta										
Coal mining.....	30.9	30.7	34.8	179.4	181.5	182.0	55.43	55.72	63.34	3,557
Oil and natural gas production.....	47.6	43.6	46.5	179.1	178.9	174.6	85.26	78.00	81.19	4,427
Manufacturing.....	40.6	39.0	39.4	150.4	148.9	143.9	61.06	58.07	56.70	17,372
Food and beverages.....	38.7	37.8	38.3	148.6	146.6	142.8	58.99	55.41	55.41	5,324
Meat products.....	39.7	38.5	37.7	163.3	160.2	156.4	64.03	61.68	68.96	2,821
Transportation equipment.....	41.2	39.8	40.1	155.4	152.3	152.7	63.20	60.62	61.23	3,066
Buildings and structures (h).....	38.2	33.1	35.7	168.8	165.1	169.3	54.48	54.65	60.44	7,736
Electric and motor transportation (i).....	39.9	40.5	41.7	150.9	153.3	147.8	60.21	62.09	61.63	2,022
Service (j).....	39.9	39.9	39.8	92.0	92.2	93.2	36.71	36.78	37.09	4,291
British Columbia										
Forestry (logging).....	32.7	30.4	26.8	207.2	210.7	201.5	67.75	64.05	54.00	6,484
Metal mining.....	43.0	39.6	42.5	185.4	183.6	180.0	79.72	72.71	76.50	4,996
Manufacturing.....	38.7	36.8	36.5	171.3	171.7	169.1	66.29	63.19	61.72	58,862
Food and beverages.....	35.9	34.7	35.3	150.4	152.1	148.8	53.99	52.78	52.53	5,694
Canned and cured fish.....	26.2	21.1	28.5	154.8	147.3	142.4	40.56	31.08	40.58	915
Canned and preserved fruits and vegetables.....	34.1	30.1	33.5	113.2	113.9	113.2	38.60	34.28	37.92	1,086
Wool products.....	38.1	35.4	34.9	166.9	167.1	165.5	63.59	59.15	57.76	26,856
Saw and planing mills.....	38.1	35.4	34.8	168.3	168.5	167.1	64.12	59.65	58.15	25,060
Pulp and paper mills.....	41.4	39.6	41.9	202.1	199.0	196.6	83.67	78.80	82.38	5,017
Iron and steel products.....	39.1	36.5	35.9	181.9	182.0	178.6	71.12	66.43	64.12	4,085
Steel shipbuilding and repairing.....	38.4	36.4	36.6	185.6	185.4	185.2	71.27	67.49	67.78	3,826
Non-ferrous metal products.....	42.7	42.2	40.3	179.5	181.7	175.4	76.65	76.68	70.69	3,825
Buildings and structures (h).....	37.1	33.7	37.1	201.8	204.6	220.3	74.87	68.95	81.73	6,889
Highways, bridges and street construction.....	37.2	37.5	39.6	157.9	152.0	152.3	58.74	57.00	60.31	6,116
Electric and motor transportation (i).....	40.0	40.4	42.6	164.9	165.1	157.1	65.96	66.70	66.92	3,032
Service (j).....	37.2	36.9	36.9	102.6	102.7	96.1	38.17	37.90	35.09	6,379

Footnotes (a) to (j) appear in explanatory notes at the end of this report.

Table 3. - Average Hours and Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners in Specified Industries, Metropolitan Areas

Metropolitan Area and Industry	Average Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Wages			Wage-Earners Reported at Feb. 1, 1955 no.
	Feb. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1955	Feb. 1 1954	Feb. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1955	Feb. 1 1954	Feb. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1955	Feb. 1 1954	
	no.	no.	no.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Quebec City - Manufacturing	40.4	40.0	41.5	117.1	117.0	111.5	47.31	46.80	46.27	14,087
Leather products	34.7	33.2	38.7	84.1	85.2	82.4	29.18	28.29	31.89	1,891
Clothing (textile and fur)	36.6	36.0	37.9	77.2	76.8	71.2	28.26	27.65	26.98	1,696
Buildings and structures (h)	44.5	38.1	40.3	132.3	130.9	131.1	58.87	49.87	52.83	2,247
Montreal - Manufacturing	40.9	38.3	41.1	133.3	133.8	132.9	54.52	51.25	54.62	134,839
Food and beverages	42.0	40.8	41.9	122.1	123.0	119.4	51.28	50.18	50.03	14,900
Tobacco and tobacco products	39.1	37.4	38.9	154.1	153.8	149.5	60.25	57.52	58.16	3,913
Leather products	40.0	34.8	40.2	99.0	99.0	97.8	39.60	34.45	39.32	6,033
Textile products (except clothing)	41.1	39.2	40.0	103.6	104.7	106.3	42.58	41.04	42.52	4,897
Clothing (textile and fur)	37.6	33.4	36.9	104.5	105.2	105.1	39.19	35.14	38.78	26,028
Printing, publishing and allied industries	40.0	38.6	39.9	173.7	171.8	171.3	69.48	66.31	68.35	5,959
Iron and steel products	42.1	39.6	42.3	152.9	151.0	149.7	64.37	59.80	63.32	16,511
Transportation equipment	41.6	37.3	42.7	156.7	156.0	156.4	65.19	58.19	66.78	21,809
Electrical apparatus and supplies	41.2	39.5	41.4	149.8	146.4	143.7	61.72	57.83	59.49	9,965
Buildings and structures (h)	38.8	33.7	37.6	158.8	157.6	154.2	61.30	53.04	57.98	13,883
Electric and motor transportation (i)	47.4	46.9	47.8	134.7	135.5	132.9	63.85	63.55	63.53	6,845
Service (j)	42.4	41.9	43.5	77.3	77.2	74.5	32.78	32.35	32.41	7,213
Ottawa-Hull - Manufacturing	41.1	40.7	40.8	142.8	141.6	138.8	58.69	57.53	56.53	11,051
Pulp and paper mills	40.3	38.4	41.0	173.7	174.2	167.6	70.00	66.89	68.72	3,746
Buildings and structures (h)	37.6	32.9	37.6	151.4	151.1	146.3	56.93	49.71	54.86	2,149
St. Catharines - Manufacturing	41.1	40.0	39.6	172.1	169.6	166.9	70.73	67.84	66.09	21,894
Pulp and paper mills	40.7	40.3	41.2	175.5	175.6	173.6	71.43	70.59	71.52	2,701
Iron and steel products	40.3	39.2	38.0	176.9	172.2	172.4	71.29	67.50	65.51	5,126
Transportation equipment	42.9	40.5	39.8	180.7	177.0	170.2	77.52	71.59	67.74	7,301
Toronto - Manufacturing	40.2	38.9	40.0	151.6	150.7	147.5	60.94	58.62	59.00	125,801
Food and beverages	40.0	35.4	40.4	130.5	130.8	127.0	52.20	51.54	51.31	15,448
Rubber products	39.7	40.7	40.6	170.7	167.1	168.4	67.77	68.01	68.37	3,840
Clothing (textile and fur)	37.8	34.1	36.2	113.7	114.2	111.9	42.98	38.94	40.51	9,791
Paper products	41.2	40.0	41.9	138.5	137.5	131.9	57.06	55.00	55.27	5,468
Printing, publishing and allied industries	39.0	39.1	39.2	184.4	183.0	177.5	71.92	71.55	69.58	10,167
Iron and steel products	40.8	35.4	40.0	164.5	161.0	160.1	67.12	63.43	64.04	19,494
Transportation equipment	40.7	39.3	40.3	178.4	177.5	170.1	72.61	69.76	68.56	17,651
Non-ferrous metal products	40.9	40.0	40.6	150.6	147.8	148.1	61.60	59.12	60.13	5,345
Electrical apparatus and supplies	40.1	38.8	40.1	151.2	150.0	151.5	60.63	58.20	60.75	15,817
Chemical products	40.2	39.8	40.7	148.5	146.3	143.0	59.70	58.23	58.20	6,599
Buildings and structures (h)	36.9	35.0	36.4	185.1	184.3	178.5	68.30	60.82	64.97	11,308
Electric and motor transportation (i)	43.5	44.6	45.3	154.0	153.6	148.6	66.99	68.51	67.32	7,194
Service (j)	39.5	39.5	39.9	87.6	87.1	85.3	34.60	34.60	34.03	8,042
Hamilton - Manufacturing	39.5	39.0	39.4	159.7	159.5	159.9	63.08	62.21	63.00	37,597
Clothing (textile and fur)	36.4	35.0	34.1	108.6	107.9	109.6	39.53	35.61	37.37	2,399
Iron and steel products	39.5	39.6	39.7	178.2	177.2	173.8	70.39	70.17	69.00	16,653
Electrical apparatus and supplies	39.1	35.3	38.7	170.1	171.4	170.2	66.51	67.38	65.87	5,282
Buildings and structures (h)	38.2	34.7	38.5	160.2	161.0	153.6	61.20	55.87	59.14	2,273
Kitchener-Waterloo - Manufacturing	41.5	39.2	40.5	134.1	131.9	129.9	55.65	51.70	52.61	12,137
Food and beverages	41.1	38.4	39.4	135.8	139.7	130.1	55.81	53.64	51.26	2,247
Rubber products	41.8	36.9	38.8	159.7	152.0	146.5	66.75	66.09	66.84	3,137
Wood products	44.7	44.0	41.8	124.2	121.8	127.8	55.52	53.59	53.42	1,802
London - Manufacturing	40.2	37.4	38.3	141.3	139.7	135.3	56.80	52.25	53.17	11,053
Food and beverages	41.6	37.8	41.0	130.9	134.1	121.0	54.45	50.69	49.61	2,527
Iron and steel products	40.4	37.1	40.2	157.0	156.2	152.1	63.43	57.58	61.14	1,912
Windsor - Manufacturing	40.8	40.6	40.4	170.8	168.2	169.2	69.34	68.29	68.36	17,732
Iron and steel products	40.4	38.4	38.4	175.4	174.4	172.7	70.86	66.97	66.32	4,064
Transportation equipment	40.6	41.7	40.9	174.9	171.4	173.3	71.01	71.47	70.88	10,216
Buildings and structures (h)	36.0	32.9	31.3	193.4	196.7	187.9	75.49	64.71	58.81	682
Winnipeg - Manufacturing	39.5	38.5	40.2	134.3	134.1	133.2	53.18	51.63	53.55	24,078
Food and beverages	38.1	39.9	40.7	145.9	141.6	139.4	55.59	56.50	56.74	4,893
Meat products	39.5	38.0	39.3	165.8	164.3	160.3	65.66	62.43	63.00	2,143
Clothing (textile and fur)	39.4	35.2	40.2	94.6	93.4	92.4	37.23	32.88	37.14	4,023
Transportation equipment	39.5	39.1	38.2	154.4	152.7	154.6	60.89	59.71	60.60	6,812
Buildings and structures (h)	37.5	35.3	37.1	156.2	154.5	150.5	58.58	54.54	55.84	5,944
Service (j)	38.6	38.6	39.4	89.3	88.0	83.4	34.47	33.97	32.86	3,495
Edmonton - Manufacturing	40.7	39.4	39.4	151.7	150.2	145.3	61.74	59.18	57.25	7,789
Food and beverages	39.6	38.7	38.6	150.6	149.4	145.7	59.64	57.82	56.24	2,614
Buildings and structures (h)	38.2	29.2	36.7	177.9	177.9	165.0	67.96	61.95	60.56	3,387
Vancouver - Manufacturing	38.2	36.7	36.3	167.1	167.3	164.1	63.83	61.40	59.57	21,851
Wood products	38.0	35.6	36.2	167.8	168.0	164.0	63.75	59.81	59.37	8,027
Iron and steel products	39.1	35.5	35.8	182.0	182.0	179.0	71.16	66.43	64.08	3,776
Transportation equipment	37.8	35.5	36.2	180.6	180.9	182.1	66.27	64.22	65.92	1,413
Buildings and structures (h)	35.8	32.4	29.6	210.4	211.0	199.7	75.32	68.36	59.11	3,686
Electric and motor transportation (i)	39.8	41.4	43.4	165.6	165.7	157.8	65.91	68.60	68.49	2,223
Service (j)	37.0	36.1	36.5	103.9	104.0	96.0	38.44	37.54	35.04	3,960

Footnotes (a) to (j) appear in explanatory notes at the end of this report.

Table 4.- Average Hours and Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners, Manufacturing, Canada.

Year and Month	All Manufactures			Durable Goods			Non-Durable Goods		
	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages
	No.	£	\$	No.	£	\$	No.	£	\$
1945 - Average	44.3	69.4	30.74	44.7	76.7	34.28	43.7	60.7	26.53
1946 - Average	42.7	70.0	29.87	42.8	76.4	32.70	42.6	63.8	27.18
1947 - Average	42.5	80.3	34.13	42.7	87.2	37.23	42.3	73.4	31.05
1948 - Average	42.2	91.3	38.53	42.3	98.4	41.62	42.0	84.0	35.28
1949 - Average	42.3	98.6	41.71	42.5	106.5	45.26	42.0	90.6	38.05
1950 - Average	42.3	103.6	43.82	42.5	112.0	47.60	42.2	95.2	40.17
1951 - Average	41.8	116.8	48.82	42.0	125.8	52.84	41.7	107.2	44.70
1952 - Average	41.5	129.2	53.62	41.6	139.8	58.16	41.3	117.4	48.49
1953 - Average	41.3	135.8	56.09	41.6	147.1	61.19	40.9	122.9	50.27
1954 - Average	40.6	140.8	57.16	40.9	151.6	62.00	40.3	129.4	52.15
1952 -- Jan. 1	38.1	127.1	48.43	38.3	136.4	52.24	37.9	116.8	44.27
Feb. 1	41.6	127.1	52.87	41.9	137.5	57.61	41.2	115.7	47.67
Mar. 1	41.7	127.8	53.29	41.8	138.4	57.85	41.5	116.0	48.14
Apr. 1	42.1	129.0	54.31	42.3	139.6	59.05	41.8	116.9	48.86
May 1	41.9	129.4	54.22	42.1	139.5	58.73	41.6	117.8	49.00
June 1	41.3	129.7	53.57	41.4	139.6	57.79	41.3	118.4	48.90
July 1	41.3	128.6	53.11	41.4	138.3	57.26	41.2	117.9	48.57
Aug. 1	41.1	128.9	52.98	41.1	139.4	57.29	41.1	117.5	48.29
Sept. 1	41.6	129.5	53.87	41.8	141.2	59.02	41.4	116.8	48.36
Oct. 1	42.1	129.9	54.69	42.2	141.8	59.84	42.0	117.0	49.14
Nov. 1	42.1	131.0	55.15	42.1	142.6	60.03	42.1	118.4	49.85
Dec. 1	42.5	132.1	56.14	42.6	143.6	61.17	42.2	119.3	50.34
1953 -- Jan. 1	38.3	134.0	51.32	38.5	144.5	55.63	38.2	121.8	46.53
Feb. 1	41.9	134.2	56.23	41.9	145.7	61.06	41.8	120.8	50.49
Mar. 1	42.1	134.4	56.58	42.4	146.3	62.03	41.7	120.7	50.33
Apr. 1	42.1	134.9	56.79	42.3	146.7	62.05	41.8	121.3	50.70
May 1	41.8	135.5	56.64	42.2	146.8	61.95	41.5	122.4	50.80
June 1	41.7	135.9	56.67	42.1	146.8	61.80	41.3	123.1	50.84
July 1	41.3	136.2	56.25	41.9	147.0	61.59	40.8	123.5	50.39
Aug. 1	41.0	136.0	55.76	41.4	147.1	60.90	40.6	123.4	50.10
Sept. 1	41.0	135.7	55.64	41.3	147.3	60.83	40.8	123.0	50.18
Oct. 1	41.5	136.6	56.69	41.9	148.5	62.22	41.1	123.7	50.84
Nov. 1	41.4	137.4	56.88	41.7	148.8	62.05	41.0	124.8	51.17
Dec. 1	41.2	138.4	57.02	41.7	149.5	62.34	40.7	126.1	51.32
1954 -- Jan. 1	38.5	140.4	54.05	39.1	150.1	58.89	37.8	129.1	48.80
Feb. 1	40.7	140.4	57.14	40.8	151.4	61.77	40.6	127.9	51.93
Mar. 1	41.1	140.6	57.79	41.3	151.6	62.61	40.8	128.2	52.31
Apr. 1	40.9	141.0	57.67	41.0	151.7	62.20	40.7	129.0	52.50
May 1	40.6	141.8	57.57	40.9	152.3	62.29	40.3	129.9	52.35
June 1	39.8	142.2	56.60	40.0	152.1	60.84	39.6	131.4	52.03
July 1	40.5	141.6	57.35	40.9	151.6	62.00	40.1	130.8	52.45
Aug. 1	40.7	140.9	57.35	40.9	151.5	61.96	40.4	129.9	52.48
Sept. 1	40.9	139.5	57.06	41.0	150.9	61.87	40.8	128.4	52.39
Oct. 1	41.3	139.7	57.70	41.5	151.5	62.87	41.0	128.1	52.52
Nov. 1	41.3	140.5	58.03	41.6	151.6	63.07	41.0	129.6	53.14
Dec. 1	41.2	141.2	58.17	41.5	152.5	63.29	41.0	130.0	53.30
1955 -- Jan. 1	39.3	142.8	56.12	39.6	153.0	60.59	39.0	132.3	51.60
Feb. 1	40.9	142.7	58.36	41.1	153.9	63.25	40.8	131.2	53.53
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*The averages at these dates were affected by loss of working time at the year-end holidays.

Table 5.- Average Hours and Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners, Specified Industries, Canada.

Year and Month	Mining-All Branches			Coal Mining			Metal Mining			Non-Metal Mining		
	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages
	No.	\$	\$	No.	\$	\$	No.	\$	\$	No.	\$	\$
1945 - Average	43.8	85.0	37.23	40.2	93.8	37.71	45.8	85.0	38.93	..	..	..
1946 - Average	43.2	87.3	37.71	40.2	95.9	38.55	45.1	87.4	39.42	..	..	..
1947 - Average	42.2	98.0	41.36	36.9	110.4	40.74	44.4	99.4	44.13	..	..	..
1948 - Average	42.6	111.1	47.33	38.2	123.5	47.18	44.7	110.2	49.26	..	..	..
1949 - Average	42.6	117.2	49.93	37.4	128.3	47.98	45.3	115.9	52.50	..	..	..
1950 - Average	43.0	121.4	52.20	38.1	130.1	49.57	45.1	121.1	54.62	..	..	..
1951 - Average	43.1	133.4	57.50	39.5	136.7	54.00	44.1	134.8	59.45	45.9	116.3	53.38
1952 - Average	42.7	147.1	62.81	38.2	148.6	56.77	44.4	148.2	65.80	42.9	134.0	57.49
1953 - Average	42.7	153.8	65.87	37.9	150.4	57.00	44.4	156.5	69.49	42.8	142.8	61.12
1954 - Average	42.6	157.3	67.01	38.3	148.4	56.84	44.1	161.4	71.18	42.7	146.6	62.60
1952 -- Jan. 1	40.2	142.6	57.33	32.7	140.3	45.88	42.5	145.1	61.67	42.3	124.5	52.66
Feb. 1	43.0	141.4	60.80	37.9	140.8	53.36	44.5	143.2	63.72	45.3	125.8	56.99
Mar. 1	42.6	143.9	61.30	36.3	142.5	51.73	44.8	145.0	64.96	43.4	132.7	57.59
Apr. 1	43.1	146.9	63.31	38.3	150.2	57.53	45.1	146.2	65.94	42.4	136.6	57.92
May 1	42.4	147.3	62.46	37.7	149.7	56.44	44.2	147.7	65.28	42.7	135.5	57.86
June 1	42.3	147.4	62.35	38.8	150.6	58.43	43.7	147.8	64.59	42.0	134.0	56.28
July 1	42.7	147.6	63.03	39.8	150.6	59.94	44.1	148.5	65.49	42.2	133.7	56.42
Aug. 1	42.5	147.5	62.89	38.4	149.9	57.56	44.4	148.9	66.11	41.5	133.7	55.49
Sept. 1	42.7	148.7	63.49	38.6	150.0	57.90	44.2	150.0	66.30	42.9	136.8	58.89
Oct. 1	43.3	149.8	64.86	39.7	151.8	60.26	44.6	151.4	67.52	43.2	137.3	60.27
Nov. 1	43.5	150.4	65.42	39.6	153.8	60.90	45.0	151.4	68.13	43.4	137.0	59.46
Dec. 1	44.1	151.8	66.94	40.6	153.1	62.16	45.5	153.0	69.62	43.3	140.1	60.66
1953 -- Jan. 1	40.6	153.4	62.28	37.3	152.3	56.81	42.2	154.6	65.24	39.0	143.5	55.97
Feb. 1	43.0	153.3	65.92	39.0	153.3	59.79	44.6	153.7	68.55	42.4	144.7	61.35
Mar. 1	42.1	152.9	64.37	35.7	149.2	53.26	44.5	154.3	68.66	42.5	146.2	62.14
Apr. 1	41.8	152.6	63.79	33.7	147.3	49.84	44.8	154.2	69.08	42.1	145.5	61.26
May 1	42.4	153.7	65.17	37.0	149.3	55.24	44.5	156.3	69.55	42.9	143.3	61.48
June 1	43.1	153.1	65.99	37.3	149.3	55.69	45.3	155.9	70.62	43.1	141.6	61.03
July 1	42.9	153.0	65.84	37.6	149.9	56.36	44.6	155.6	69.40	43.8	141.5	61.98
Aug. 1	42.8	152.7	65.36	38.5	149.8	57.67	44.1	155.5	68.58	43.5	140.3	61.03
Sept. 1	43.0	153.4	65.96	38.1	148.2	56.46	44.4	156.9	69.66	43.6	141.4	61.65
Oct. 1	43.2	154.8	66.87	39.1	150.3	58.77	44.6	159.1	70.96	43.8	140.8	61.81
Nov. 1	43.0	155.9	67.04	39.9	151.8	60.57	44.0	160.2	70.49	43.6	141.9	61.87
Dec. 1	43.9	157.3	69.06	41.6	153.8	63.98	45.1	161.2	72.70	43.5	143.3	62.34
1954 -- Jan. 1	40.5	158.3	64.11	36.9	161.7	55.98	42.1	162.3	68.33	38.8	146.7	56.92
Feb. 1	42.6	158.3	67.44	37.7	152.8	57.53	44.6	160.9	71.76	41.6	146.8	61.90
Mar. 1	42.4	157.5	66.78	38.3	149.4	57.22	43.6	160.9	70.15	42.7	148.0	63.20
Apr. 1	41.6	157.3	65.44	34.4	147.1	50.80	44.0	160.7	70.71	42.0	148.2	62.24
May 1	42.1	158.0	66.52	37.8	147.5	55.76	43.7	162.2	70.88	41.9	146.9	61.55
June 1	42.7	157.0	67.04	38.1	146.5	55.82	44.4	161.7	71.79	42.7	145.1	61.96
July 1	42.8	156.1	66.81	35.4	146.3	57.84	44.1	160.8	70.91	42.9	144.8	62.12
Aug. 1	42.8	155.8	66.68	38.7	146.5	56.70	44.0	160.0	70.40	43.7	144.8	63.28
Sept. 1	42.6	155.8	66.37	38.0	146.1	55.62	44.1	160.4	70.74	44.0	144.6	63.62
Oct. 1	43.3	157.0	67.98	40.4	148.7	60.07	44.4	161.3	71.62	44.0	146.0	64.24
Nov. 1	43.8	158.4	69.38	40.1	148.4	69.51	45.0	162.8	73.26	44.5	147.9	65.82
Dec. 1	43.8	158.6	69.47	40.3	149.7	60.33	44.9	162.7	73.05	44.1	147.9	65.22
1955 -- Jan. 1	41.3	160.6	66.33	38.8	149.3	57.93	42.1	164.4	69.21	40.9	152.8	62.50
Feb. 1	43.5	160.3	69.73	39.2	147.9	57.98	44.7	163.6	73.13	42.5	153.6	65.28
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Table 5.- Average Hours and Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners, Specified Industries, Canada. (Continued)

Year and Month	Electric and Motor Transportation			Buildings and Structures			Highways, Bridges and Street Construction		
	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages
	No.	\$	\$	No.	\$	\$	No.	\$	\$
1945 - Average	..	..	..	40.4	80.9	32.68	36.7	63.2	23.19
1946 - Average	..	..	..	38.7	83.4	32.28	37.7	65.7	24.77
1947 - Average	..	..	..	39.2	91.0	35.67	39.3	70.7	27.79
1948 - Average	..	..	..	39.9	100.9	40.26	37.5	79.3	29.74
1949 - Average	..	..	..	40.1	107.9	43.27	38.8	85.6	33.21
1950 - Average	..	..	..	39.6	113.3	44.87	40.8	88.1	35.94
1951 - Average	45.1	116.7	52.63	39.5	127.1	50.20	41.9	95.1	39.25
1952 - Average	45.4	128.3	58.25	40.9	142.8	58.41	41.9	105.0	44.00
1953 - Average	45.0	135.1	60.80	40.7	156.8	63.82	41.4	112.8	46.70
1954 - Average	45.1	140.2	63.23	39.8	160.6	63.92	41.1	120.5	49.53
1952 -*Jan. 1	44.9	123.4	55.41	32.3	136.2	43.99	42.4	101.0	42.82
Feb. 1	45.6	123.0	56.09	40.8	138.8	56.63	43.5	102.4	44.54
Mar. 1	45.5	124.1	56.47	41.6	139.6	58.07	45.0	102.9	46.31
Apr. 1	45.8	125.1	57.30	42.0	141.1	59.26	42.1	106.1	44.67
May 1	45.3	127.7	57.85	41.9	142.4	59.67	39.6	108.9	41.94
June 1	44.7	129.3	57.90	41.2	142.0	58.50	41.1	106.5	43.77
July 1	46.0	130.1	59.85	40.8	141.8	57.85	41.5	103.8	43.08
Aug. 1	44.8	131.0	58.69	42.3	141.9	60.02	39.3	101.7	39.97
Sept. 1	46.0	131.3	60.40	42.0	143.6	60.31	42.4	105.0	44.52
Oct. 1	45.5	131.5	59.83	42.5	147.3	62.60	42.1	107.4	45.22
Nov. 1	45.5	131.7	59.92	42.0	148.2	62.24	42.8	108.9	46.61
Dec. 1	45.7	131.4	60.06	41.7	150.6	62.80	40.9	108.6	44.42
1953 -*Jan. 1	44.2	133.5	59.01	33.0	150.0	49.50	37.8	109.9	41.54
Feb. 1	45.6	132.5	60.42	40.6	153.9	62.48	42.3	111.6	47.21
Mar. 1	45.4	133.0	60.38	41.2	155.9	64.23	43.0	113.1	48.63
Apr. 1	45.2	132.8	60.03	40.4	156.8	63.35	41.9	114.5	47.96
May 1	45.1	134.5	60.66	40.8	157.0	64.06	39.0	111.5	43.49
June 1	45.2	135.5	61.25	41.7	156.1	65.09	41.1	111.9	45.99
July 1	45.4	135.8	61.65	41.5	155.7	64.62	41.9	111.6	46.76
Aug. 1	43.6	136.5	59.51	41.9	156.0	65.36	42.3	112.1	47.42
Sept. 1	44.3	137.0	60.69	42.2	157.5	66.47	42.9	111.9	48.01
Oct. 1	45.5	137.3	62.47	42.6	160.7	68.46	42.2	114.7	48.40
Nov. 1	45.4	136.2	61.83	41.4	160.7	66.53	41.9	116.0	48.80
Dec. 1	45.0	136.2	61.29	40.8	161.3	65.81	40.6	115.3	46.81
1954 -*Jan. 1	44.4	138.0	61.27	33.7	163.3	55.03	37.2	116.1	43.19
Feb. 1	46.0	139.0	63.94	38.5	165.1	63.55	41.3	120.1	49.60
Mar. 1	45.7	139.8	63.89	40.1	166.0	66.57	43.6	118.1	51.49
Apr. 1	45.4	139.0	63.11	39.9	164.0	65.44	41.6	121.8	50.67
May 1	45.2	139.3	62.96	39.6	163.3	64.67	39.3	119.8	47.08
June 1	44.9	139.0	62.41	38.1	161.5	61.53	39.9	120.1	47.92
July 1	45.0	140.7	63.32	40.8	159.3	64.99	41.4	121.8	50.43
Aug. 1	44.5	142.3	63.32	42.0	156.9	65.90	42.1	121.4	51.11
Sept. 1	44.7	141.2	63.12	41.5	155.5	64.53	42.4	121.2	51.39
Oct. 1	45.4	141.7	64.33	41.6	156.1	64.94	42.1	121.2	51.03
Nov. 1	45.0	141.3	63.59	41.6	157.1	65.35	41.7	122.4	51.04
Dec. 1	44.8	141.1	63.21	40.5	159.5	64.60	40.7	122.3	49.78
1955 -*Jan. 1	44.9	142.4	62.94	34.3	162.0	55.57	36.9	123.3	45.50
Feb. 1	45.0	141.6	63.72	39.4	163.4	64.38	40.6	128.4	52.13
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Table 5.- Average Hours and Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners, Specified Industries, Canada. (Concluded)

Year and Month	Service			Hotels and Restaurants			Laundries and Dry Cleaning Plants		
	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages
	No.	£	\$	No.	£	\$	No.	£	\$
1945 - Average	43.8	43.0	18.83	45.1	41.3	18.63	41.2	46.9	19.32
1946 - Average	43.2	46.0	19.87	44.4	44.8	19.89	40.9	48.4	19.80
1947 - Average	42.5	52.9	22.48	43.4	52.2	22.65	40.8	54.4	22.20
1948 - Average	42.3	58.4	24.70	43.2	57.5	24.84	40.8	59.3	24.19
1949 - Average	42.2	63.6	26.84	43.0	62.6	26.92	40.9	62.8	25.69
1950 - Average	42.5	65.8	27.97	43.5	64.5	28.05	40.9	65.1	26.63
1951 - Average	42.5	69.3	29.45	43.5	68.8	29.93	40.9	67.3	27.53
1952 - Average	42.6	73.8	31.35	43.7	72.8	31.81	40.9	71.7	29.33
1953 - Average	42.0	78.2	32.84	42.7	77.8	33.22	41.3	75.1	31.02
1954 - Average	40.9	83.0	33.95	41.5	82.7	34.32	40.7	79.3	32.28
1952 -- Jan. 1	41.4	71.8	29.73	43.6	71.1	31.00	37.0	69.5	25.75
Feb. 1	42.6	72.0	30.67	43.6	71.2	31.04	41.2	69.5	28.63
Mar. 1	42.7	73.2	31.25	44.0	72.8	32.03	40.7	70.2	28.57
Apr. 1	42.7	73.0	31.17	43.7	72.1	31.51	41.3	71.0	29.32
May 1	42.8	74.2	31.76	43.5	73.6	32.02	42.2	71.6	30.22
June 1	42.9	73.7	31.62	43.9	72.7	31.92	41.5	71.9	29.84
July 1	42.5	73.5	31.31	43.7	72.2	31.55	41.0	72.2	29.60
Aug. 1	42.9	72.1	30.93	44.2	70.4	31.12	40.9	71.5	29.24
Sept. 1	42.9	72.7	31.19	43.9	71.4	31.34	41.2	71.8	29.58
Oct. 1	42.7	75.2	32.11	43.6	74.3	32.39	41.3	73.4	30.31
Nov. 1	42.4	75.8	32.14	43.1	75.1	32.37	41.6	73.7	30.66
Dec. 1	42.3	76.5	32.36	43.1	76.2	32.84	41.3	73.7	30.44
1953 -- Jan. 1	41.4	76.3	31.59	42.7	75.9	32.41	39.0	73.2	28.55
Feb. 1	42.4	76.5	32.44	43.4	76.1	33.03	41.3	73.9	30.52
Mar. 1	42.5	77.3	32.85	43.8	76.9	33.53	41.1	74.3	30.54
Apr. 1	42.4	77.2	32.73	43.0	76.5	32.90	42.0	75.1	31.54
May 1	42.2	78.1	32.96	42.9	77.7	33.33	41.8	75.0	31.35
June 1	42.3	78.6	33.25	42.5	78.4	33.40	42.5	75.2	31.96
July 1	42.2	77.7	32.79	42.9	77.1	33.08	41.3	75.4	31.14
Aug. 1	42.0	77.0	32.34	42.8	76.1	32.57	41.3	74.8	30.89
Sept. 1	41.8	77.3	32.31	42.4	76.7	32.52	41.2	74.7	30.78
Oct. 1	41.5	79.7	33.08	42.0	79.7	33.47	41.2	75.9	31.27
Nov. 1	41.3	81.1	33.49	41.6	81.2	33.78	41.5	76.9	31.91
Dec. 1	41.6	81.4	33.86	42.2	81.6	34.44	41.2	76.9	31.68
1954 -- Jan. 1	40.6	82.0	33.29	41.5	82.2	34.11	39.6	77.2	30.57
Feb. 1	40.8	82.1	33.50	41.5	82.6	34.28	40.2	77.0	30.95
Mar. 1	41.0	83.2	34.11	41.6	83.6	34.78	40.9	78.1	31.94
Apr. 1	41.0	82.4	33.78	41.4	82.3	34.07	41.3	78.5	32.42
May 1	41.2	83.4	34.36	41.4	83.2	34.44	41.7	79.7	33.23
June 1	40.6	83.1	33.74	41.0	82.3	33.74	40.5	80.1	32.44
July 1	41.2	81.9	33.74	41.8	80.5	33.65	41.0	80.6	33.06
Aug. 1	41.2	81.2	33.45	42.2	79.9	33.72	40.0	79.1	31.64
Sept. 1	40.9	81.7	33.42	41.5	80.4	33.45	40.2	80.0	32.16
Oct. 1	40.8	84.7	34.56	41.1	84.8	34.85	40.8	80.2	32.72
Nov. 1	40.7	84.9	34.55	41.0	85.1	34.89	40.9	80.5	32.92
Dec. 1	41.0	84.8	34.77	41.4	84.9	35.15	41.0	80.4	32.96
1955 -- Jan. 1	39.9	85.0	33.92	40.8	85.0	34.68	38.8	80.2	31.12
Feb. 1	40.2	85.2	34.25	40.7	85.0	34.60	40.0	81.2	32.48
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Table 6.- Average Hours and Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners, Manufacturing, Provinces.

Year and Month	Newfoundland			Nova Scotia			New Brunswick		
	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages
	No.	No.	\$	No.	No.	\$	No.	No.	\$
1945 - Average	..	..	..	46.0	71.0	32.66	45.6	62.5	28.50
1946 - Average	..	..	..	43.4	68.7	29.82	45.3	64.3	29.13
1947 - Average	..	..	..	43.8	75.1	32.89	45.1	73.1	32.97
1948 - Average	..	..	..	43.8	82.8	36.27	44.8	82.2	36.53
1949 - Average	..	..	..	43.4	89.0	38.63	44.5	88.2	39.26
1950 - Average	44.4	101.1	44.89	43.1	91.9	39.61	44.5	91.2	40.58
1951 - Average	44.0	112.8	49.63	42.2	100.9	42.58	43.8	103.8	45.46
1952 - Average	43.2	124.7	53.87	41.5	114.5	47.52	43.0	112.7	48.46
1953 - Average	41.6	132.8	55.24	41.2	120.5	49.65	42.1	119.0	50.10
1954 - Average	42.3	137.4	58.12	40.8	123.2	50.27	41.6	124.7	61.88
1952 -*Jan. 1	39.3	127.9	50.26	37.5	114.6	42.98	39.6	114.2	45.22
Feb. 1	42.0	126.4	63.09	41.2	113.8	46.89	44.0	112.6	49.54
Mar. 1	43.1	125.5	54.09	41.6	114.6	47.63	42.3	113.5	48.01
Apr. 1	42.2	126.6	53.43	43.6	115.8	50.49	43.8	112.4	49.23
May 1	43.0	124.6	63.58	42.6	115.4	49.16	43.7	114.3	49.95
June 1	44.7	125.2	55.96	41.4	115.0	47.61	42.6	111.5	47.54
July 1	45.1	124.3	56.06	42.2	114.6	48.36	43.9	110.2	48.38
Aug. 1	44.3	122.7	54.36	41.2	115.2	47.46	43.6	110.9	48.35
Sept. 1	43.4	121.2	52.60	42.4	113.9	48.29	43.1	111.1	47.88
Oct. 1	44.6	122.8	54.77	41.3	113.1	46.71	43.3	113.2	49.02
Nov. 1	42.8	123.0	52.64	41.1	113.4	46.61	43.0	113.7	48.89
Dec. 1	43.9	126.5	55.63	42.2	115.1	48.57	43.5	114.7	49.89
1953 -*Jan. 1	41.0	134.2	56.02	38.5	120.0	46.20	39.2	118.6	46.49
Feb. 1	40.6	131.7	53.47	41.2	118.3	48.74	42.7	118.3	50.61
Mar. 1	41.0	132.9	54.49	41.3	119.9	49.52	42.7	118.6	50.64
Apr. 1	42.2	130.2	54.94	41.7	121.1	50.50	42.3	119.4	50.61
May 1	42.2	133.2	66.21	42.0	121.4	50.99	42.5	120.6	51.26
June 1	41.5	137.3	56.98	41.0	120.7	49.49	42.1	118.2	49.76
July 1	43.2	131.6	56.85	41.4	121.1	50.14	42.2	117.2	49.46
Aug. 1	40.9	129.6	53.01	41.2	119.8	49.36	42.8	116.3	49.78
Sept. 1	41.7	129.7	54.08	42.1	119.6	50.31	42.5	117.3	49.85
Oct. 1	41.9	136.1	57.03	41.3	122.4	50.55	42.8	120.1	61.40
Nov. 1	42.3	135.1	57.15	41.2	120.2	49.52	41.4	121.6	50.30
Dec. 1	41.2	132.6	54.59	41.3	121.6	60.22	41.9	122.4	51.29
1954 -*Jan. 1	40.1	144.4	67.90	38.9	126.6	48.86	38.5	125.9	48.47
Feb. 1	44.0	140.5	61.82	40.0	126.9	60.76	41.3	126.6	62.24
Mar. 1	43.6	136.1	59.34	40.9	125.6	61.37	42.5	126.0	53.13
Apr. 1	41.2	141.0	68.09	40.6	125.8	50.95	41.5	125.8	52.21
May 1	41.9	134.6	56.40	41.6	125.4	52.17	41.1	126.9	62.16
June 1	40.9	139.4	56.61	40.3	123.2	49.66	40.8	125.2	51.08
July 1	42.8	131.5	56.28	41.0	123.3	60.56	42.9	122.4	62.51
Aug. 1	42.1	133.3	56.12	41.4	120.5	49.89	42.6	122.3	62.10
Sept. 1	42.4	134.2	56.90	41.0	119.6	49.00	42.0	122.1	51.28
Oct. 1	42.3	134.1	56.72	41.5	120.6	50.05	42.2	122.5	51.70
Nov. 1	41.8	139.2	68.19	40.8	121.1	49.41	42.3	126.1	62.92
Dec. 1	44.8	140.9	63.12	42.0	120.9	50.78	41.6	126.4	52.58
1955 -*Jan. 1	39.3	142.9	66.16	38.0	126.2	47.58	40.1	128.4	51.49
Feb. 1	39.9	140.1	55.90	40.8	123.5	50.39	42.4	126.1	53.47
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Table 6.- Average Hours and Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners, Manufacturing, Provinces. (Continued)

Year and Month	Quebec			Ontario			Manitoba		
	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages
	No.	\$	\$	No.	\$	\$	No.	\$	\$
1945 - Average	48.0	64.1	29.49	43.5	71.3	31.02	43.2	68.1	29.42
1946 - Average	44.6	64.4	28.72	41.6	72.2	30.04	42.3	70.9	29.99
1947 - Average	44.2	72.7	32.13	41.8	84.2	35.20	42.0	79.2	33.26
1948 - Average	43.7	82.8	36.18	41.5	95.8	39.76	42.3	88.7	37.52
1949 - Average	43.7	89.5	39.11	41.8	103.3	43.18	42.2	95.5	40.30
1950 - Average	44.0	92.9	40.88	41.9	109.4	45.84	41.8	99.4	41.55
1951 - Average	43.5	104.5	45.46	41.3	123.7	51.09	41.4	112.5	46.58
1952 - Average	43.0	115.5	49.57	40.9	137.0	56.03	40.8	122.9	50.14
1953 - Average	42.7	121.9	52.05	40.9	143.4	58.65	40.3	131.4	52.95
1954 - Average	41.7	127.4	53.13	40.3	148.0	59.64	40.2	135.1	54.31
1952 -- Jan. 1	39.4	114.1	44.96	37.7	134.0	50.52	38.7	121.9	47.18
Feb. 1	43.1	113.7	49.00	41.1	134.6	55.32	40.7	120.2	48.92
Mar. 1	43.5	113.8	49.50	41.0	135.7	55.84	41.2	121.3	49.98
Apr. 1	43.7	114.6	50.08	41.4	137.2	56.80	41.4	122.0	50.51
May 1	43.5	115.2	50.11	41.2	137.5	56.69	40.9	121.6	49.73
June 1	42.8	116.0	49.65	40.6	137.5	55.83	41.0	122.8	50.35
July 1	42.3	116.4	49.24	40.8	136.6	55.73	41.2	122.9	50.53
Aug. 1	42.5	115.9	49.26	40.7	137.2	55.84	40.9	123.3	50.43
Sept. 1	43.2	115.9	50.07	41.0	137.0	56.17	41.0	123.9	50.80
Oct. 1	43.9	116.0	50.92	41.7	137.6	57.38	40.6	124.6	50.59
Nov. 1	44.1	116.9	51.55	41.5	139.2	57.77	41.1	124.8	51.29
Dec. 1	44.2	118.0	52.16	41.8	140.2	58.60	41.3	125.6	51.83
1953 -- Jan. 1	40.0	120.6	48.24	37.6	141.1	53.05	38.3	131.1	50.21
Feb. 1	43.6	119.9	52.28	41.4	142.1	58.83	40.6	129.2	52.46
Mar. 1	43.6	120.1	52.36	41.7	142.5	59.42	41.0	129.2	52.97
Apr. 1	43.6	120.6	52.58	41.7	143.0	59.63	40.9	130.1	53.21
May 1	43.3	121.1	52.44	41.4	143.5	59.41	40.9	131.1	53.62
June 1	43.0	121.2	52.12	41.5	143.9	59.72	40.4	131.2	53.00
July 1	42.2	122.4	51.65	41.3	143.8	59.39	40.5	131.5	53.39
Aug. 1	42.3	121.9	51.56	40.6	144.2	58.55	40.0	131.7	52.68
Sept. 1	42.6	122.4	52.14	40.4	143.2	57.85	40.3	131.7	53.08
Oct. 1	43.0	123.2	52.98	41.1	143.6	59.02	40.5	132.9	53.96
Nov. 1	42.8	124.1	53.11	41.0	144.5	59.25	40.1	132.9	53.29
Dec. 1	42.6	125.6	53.46	40.8	145.4	59.32	40.1	134.4	53.89
1954 -- Jan. 1	39.2	127.0	49.78	38.4	147.2	56.52	38.0	136.1	51.72
Feb. 1	42.1	126.6	53.30	40.3	147.9	59.60	40.5	134.8	54.59
Mar. 1	42.5	126.7	53.85	40.5	148.2	60.02	40.7	134.6	54.78
Apr. 1	42.3	126.9	53.68	40.3	148.9	60.01	40.5	134.0	54.27
May 1	41.7	127.9	53.33	40.2	149.6	60.14	39.8	135.2	53.81
June 1	40.4	129.3	52.24	39.6	149.3	59.12	39.9	135.9	54.22
July 1	41.0	129.1	52.93	40.4	148.3	59.91	40.2	134.8	54.19
Aug. 1	41.7	127.7	53.25	40.3	148.5	59.85	40.3	135.4	54.57
Sept. 1	42.2	126.5	53.38	40.4	146.6	59.23	40.4	134.8	54.46
Oct. 1	42.3	127.1	53.76	41.0	146.1	59.90	40.5	135.1	54.72
Nov. 1	42.3	126.6	53.55	41.0	147.5	60.48	41.1	134.6	55.32
Dec. 1	42.3	127.4	53.89	40.8	148.1	60.42	40.4	135.9	54.90
1955 -- Jan. 1	39.9	128.8	51.39	39.5	149.6	59.09	38.6	136.1	52.53
Feb. 1	42.1	128.0	53.89	40.6	150.4	61.06	40.0	136.3	54.52
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Year and Month	Saskatchewan			Alberta			British Columbia		
	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages
	No.	\$	\$	No.	\$	\$	No.	\$	\$
1945 - Average	42.8	67.6	28.93	43.2	71.6	30.93	41.7	82.9	34.69
1946 - Average	42.0	69.9	29.36	42.1	72.2	30.40	40.5	84.3	34.14
1947 - Average	41.8	80.5	33.65	42.1	79.6	33.51	38.9	96.4	37.50
1948 - Average	41.4	92.2	38.17	42.2	91.4	38.57	37.9	109.0	41.31
1949 - Average	41.6	100.0	41.60	42.1	100.1	42.14	37.7	118.7	44.75
1950 - Average	41.4	105.1	43.51	41.7	103.9	43.33	37.8	124.4	47.02
1951 - Average	41.0	117.4	48.13	41.0	116.6	47.81	37.8	140.7	53.18
1952 - Average	41.2	129.6	53.40	40.5	130.0	52.66	38.0	157.7	59.93
1953 - Average	40.7	136.5	55.56	40.2	139.7	56.16	38.0	164.0	62.32
1954 - Average	40.4	144.7	58.46	40.0	146.0	58.40	38.0	169.0	64.22
1952 -*Jan. 1	39.7	126.0	50.02	39.0	125.9	49.10	34.0	156.5	53.21
Feb. 1	40.3	126.5	50.98	40.0	127.5	51.00	37.9	156.9	59.47
Mar. 1	40.8	127.7	52.10	40.8	127.6	52.06	38.0	158.1	60.08
Apr. 1	41.8	129.4	54.09	41.4	128.6	53.24	38.7	158.6	61.38
May 1	41.1	129.2	53.10	40.4	130.3	52.84	38.6	157.8	60.91
June 1	42.0	128.7	54.05	40.7	130.9	53.28	39.0	158.3	61.74
July 1	42.0	128.3	53.89	40.6	130.4	52.94	38.7	153.5	59.40
Aug. 1	40.8	128.5	52.43	40.2	129.5	52.06	35.5	154.3	54.78
Sept. 1	41.0	131.5	53.92	40.6	130.9	53.15	38.7	157.3	60.88
Oct. 1	41.1	133.4	54.83	39.6	131.9	52.23	38.8	158.3	61.42
Nov. 1	41.1	132.9	54.62	40.9	133.0	54.40	38.5	159.8	61.52
Dec. 1	42.1	132.8	55.91	41.5	133.2	56.28	39.0	163.1	63.61
1953 -*Jan. 1	39.9	134.1	53.51	38.4	137.7	52.88	34.9	164.0	57.24
Feb. 1	41.1	132.9	54.62	39.8	136.6	54.37	38.4	164.6	63.21
Mar. 1	40.8	132.4	54.02	40.5	137.8	55.81	38.3	163.6	62.66
Apr. 1	41.3	135.0	55.78	40.4	137.5	55.55	38.1	163.9	62.45
May 1	40.8	134.3	54.79	40.5	139.6	56.54	38.5	164.6	63.37
June 1	40.9	135.3	55.34	40.5	140.7	56.98	38.5	164.7	63.41
July 1	40.9	135.8	55.54	40.2	139.8	56.20	37.7	162.4	61.22
Aug. 1	40.3	136.8	55.13	40.3	140.1	56.46	38.3	161.3	61.78
Sept. 1	40.3	137.8	55.53	40.3	139.6	56.26	38.3	162.4	62.20
Oct. 1	40.7	141.5	57.59	39.4	141.4	55.71	38.3	164.0	62.81
Nov. 1	40.5	141.3	57.23	40.9	142.4	58.24	38.4	165.5	63.55
Dec. 1	41.1	140.9	57.91	41.1	142.9	58.73	38.1	167.3	63.74
1954 -*Jan. 1	40.0	141.7	56.68	38.4	143.8	55.22	36.0	168.7	60.73
Feb. 1	40.5	141.6	57.35	39.4	143.9	56.70	36.5	169.1	61.72
Mar. 1	40.9	143.2	58.57	40.2	145.6	58.53	38.1	169.6	64.62
Apr. 1	40.8	143.6	58.59	39.8	145.6	57.95	38.4	168.8	64.82
May 1	39.7	145.4	57.72	39.8	146.4	58.27	38.5	169.3	65.18
June 1	40.3	145.7	58.72	39.8	146.6	58.35	37.6	169.9	63.88
July 1	40.8	144.9	59.12	40.1	145.9	58.51	38.1	169.7	64.66
Aug. 1	40.5	145.1	58.77	39.9	144.5	57.66	38.2	167.8	64.10
Sept. 1	40.2	145.7	58.57	39.8	146.4	58.27	38.3	166.0	63.58
Oct. 1	39.6	146.5	58.01	40.3	146.8	59.16	38.5	167.7	64.56
Nov. 1	40.8	147.2	60.06	41.3	147.4	60.88	38.8	169.7	65.84
Dec. 1	40.6	145.6	59.11	41.1	148.5	61.07	38.7	171.1	66.22
1955 -*Jan. 1	39.2	148.3	58.13	39.0	148.9	58.07	36.8	171.7	63.19
Feb. 1	40.0	148.0	59.20	40.6	150.4	61.06	38.7	171.3	66.29
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Table 7.- Average Hours and Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners, Manufacturing, Metropolitan Areas.

Year and Month	Montreal			Toronto			Hamilton		
	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages
	No.	\$	\$	No.	\$	\$	No.	\$	\$
1945 - Average	44.5	69.5	30.93	41.8	72.5	30.31	43.6	73.4	32.00
1946 - Average	42.7	69.1	29.51	40.5	72.6	29.40	41.5	73.7	30.59
1947 - Average	42.0	77.1	32.38	40.4	83.9	33.90	41.8	87.1	36.41
1948 - Average	42.0	87.1	36.58	40.3	95.5	38.49	41.5	101.4	42.08
1949 - Average	42.2	94.5	39.88	40.7	102.1	41.55	41.9	111.5	46.72
1950 - Average	42.3	97.9	41.41	40.9	107.8	44.09	40.7	121.1	49.29
1951 - Average	42.0	109.2	45.86	40.8	122.3	49.65	40.2	136.2	54.75
1952 - Average	41.9	120.9	50.66	40.5	135.7	54.96	39.7	150.0	59.55
1953 - Average	41.7	128.3	53.50	40.7	143.4	58.36	39.7	155.9	61.89
1954 - Average	40.6	133.2	54.08	40.2	149.2	59.98	39.4	159.3	62.76
1952 --*Jan. 1	37.9	118.6	44.95	36.8	131.6	48.43	36.7	147.4	54.10
Feb. 1	42.0	118.3	49.69	40.4	133.1	53.77	39.8	146.8	58.43
Mar. 1	42.5	118.5	50.36	40.6	134.6	54.65	39.4	147.2	58.00
Apr. 1	42.8	119.7	51.23	40.8	135.5	55.28	40.0	148.1	59.24
May 1	42.7	120.5	51.45	40.7	136.1	55.39	39.8	148.2	58.98
June 1	41.9	121.1	50.74	40.8	136.3	55.61	40.1	151.2	60.63
July 1	41.1	121.7	50.02	40.1	134.9	54.09	39.9	150.4	60.01
Aug. 1	41.1	121.3	49.85	40.0	135.2	54.08	39.9	150.5	60.05
Sept. 1	42.0	122.0	51.24	40.5	136.3	55.20	40.0	149.7	59.88
Oct. 1	42.6	121.9	51.93	41.3	137.5	56.79	40.3	151.8	61.18
Nov. 1	42.7	123.0	52.52	41.6	138.2	57.49	40.3	153.7	61.94
Dec. 1	43.0	124.1	53.36	41.8	138.7	57.98	40.7	155.2	63.17
1953 --*Jan. 1	38.7	126.7	49.03	37.6	139.8	52.56	36.9	155.9	57.53
Feb. 1	42.3	126.4	53.47	41.0	141.8	58.14	40.1	156.1	62.60
Mar. 1	42.6	126.9	54.06	41.2	142.3	58.63	40.5	155.0	62.78
Apr. 1	42.6	127.4	54.27	41.1	142.7	58.65	40.8	155.8	63.57
May 1	42.3	127.8	54.06	41.0	143.2	58.71	40.4	155.3	62.74
June 1	42.0	127.8	53.68	41.0	143.7	58.92	40.2	155.9	62.67
July 1	41.3	128.7	53.15	40.9	144.1	58.94	39.9	155.8	62.16
Aug. 1	41.1	128.6	52.85	40.4	144.4	58.34	39.5	156.2	61.70
Sept. 1	41.5	129.0	53.54	40.5	144.4	58.48	38.7	155.2	60.05
Oct. 1	42.2	129.1	54.48	41.1	144.8	59.51	39.7	155.3	61.65
Nov. 1	42.0	130.0	54.60	41.1	144.7	59.47	40.0	156.7	62.68
Dec. 1	41.8	131.5	54.97	41.0	145.3	59.57	39.9	158.1	63.08
1954 --*Jan. 1	37.9	132.5	50.22	38.6	146.1	56.39	37.2	159.0	59.15
Feb. 1	41.1	132.9	54.62	40.0	147.5	59.00	39.4	159.9	63.00
Mar. 1	41.7	132.9	55.42	40.5	148.4	60.10	39.1	159.5	62.36
Apr. 1	41.5	132.8	55.11	40.3	148.9	60.01	39.6	160.7	63.64
May 1	40.7	134.0	54.54	40.1	149.9	60.11	39.7	160.8	63.84
June 1	39.5	135.1	53.36	39.5	150.2	59.33	39.1	161.1	62.99
July 1	39.8	135.0	53.73	40.3	150.3	60.57	39.8	159.0	63.28
Aug. 1	40.3	133.9	53.95	40.3	150.9	60.81	39.5	158.5	62.61
Sept. 1	40.9	132.1	54.03	40.5	150.2	60.83	39.6	157.1	62.21
Oct. 1	41.0	132.8	54.45	40.9	149.7	61.23	40.0	159.0	63.60
Nov. 1	41.2	131.7	54.26	40.8	149.0	60.79	40.4	158.4	64.00
Dec. 1	41.2	132.6	54.63	40.7	149.7	60.93	39.7	158.6	62.96
1955 --*Jan. 1	38.3	133.8	51.25	38.9	150.7	58.62	39.0	159.5	62.21
Feb. 1	40.9	133.3	54.52	40.2	151.6	60.94	39.5	159.7	63.08
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Table 7.- Average Hours and Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners, Manufacturing, Metropolitan Areas. (Concluded)

Year and Month	Windsor			Winnipeg			Vancouver		
	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages	Average Hours	Average Hourly Earnings	Average Weekly Wages
	No.	\$	\$	No.	\$	\$	No.	\$	\$
1945 - Average	42.5	92.4	39.27	43.0	68.1	29.28	41.2	84.7	34.90
1946 - Average	37.8	94.3	35.65	42.0	70.8	29.74	39.5	83.9	33.14
1947 - Average	40.0	106.7	42.68	41.5	78.8	32.78	38.5	95.3	36.59
1948 - Average	38.9	118.6	46.14	42.0	88.3	37.09	37.5	107.0	40.13
1949 - Average	39.7	125.3	49.74	42.0	94.9	39.86	37.3	116.4	43.42
1950 - Average	41.2	132.0	54.38	41.5	98.7	40.96	37.2	122.3	45.50
1951 - Average	39.7	143.7	57.05	41.0	111.4	45.67	37.3	138.4	51.62
1952 - Average	39.3	159.1	62.53	40.5	121.3	49.13	37.5	154.8	58.05
1953 - Average	40.5	165.2	66.91	40.1	130.1	52.17	37.7	161.6	60.92
1954 - Average	39.5	188.2	66.44	39.9	133.5	53.27	37.7	166.6	62.81
1952 --Jan. 1	38.2	150.2	57.38	38.3	120.3	46.07	32.9	151.2	49.74
Feb. 1	41.1	153.1	62.92	40.3	118.6	47.80	37.3	153.0	57.07
Mar. 1	39.8	157.1	62.53	40.7	119.9	48.80	36.7	154.4	56.65
Apr. 1	43.0	182.7	69.96	41.0	120.8	49.53	38.2	155.2	59.29
May 1	42.2	159.3	67.22	40.6	120.1	48.76	38.0	154.9	58.86
June 1	31.7	161.6	51.23	40.7	121.0	49.25	38.7	156.7	60.54
July 1	38.3	155.7	59.63	40.9	121.5	49.69	38.6	152.3	58.79
Aug. 1	39.0	160.5	62.60	40.4	121.8	49.21	36.5	152.8	55.77
Sept. 1	40.1	160.5	64.36	40.4	122.4	49.45	38.1	156.2	59.51
Oct. 1	39.1	161.1	62.99	40.4	122.8	49.61	38.3	156.3	59.86
Nov. 1	37.1	162.8	60.40	40.8	123.0	50.18	38.0	156.1	59.32
Dec. 1	41.7	164.0	68.39	40.9	123.9	50.68	38.5	158.6	61.06
1953 --Jan. 1	33.2	161.5	53.82	38.1	129.9	49.49	34.2	158.9	54.34
Feb. 1	40.9	161.3	65.97	40.5	127.8	51.76	37.9	160.4	60.79
Mar. 1	42.5	164.0	69.70	40.8	127.9	52.18	37.5	160.3	60.11
Apr. 1	43.7	165.1	72.15	40.6	128.8	52.29	37.7	160.4	60.47
May 1	43.0	165.3	71.08	40.5	129.9	52.74	38.4	160.8	61.75
June 1	42.1	164.5	69.25	40.1	130.0	52.13	38.4	162.1	62.25
July 1	41.4	165.6	68.56	40.3	130.1	52.43	37.8	161.2	60.93
Aug. 1	39.7	168.5	66.89	39.6	130.3	51.60	37.8	161.1	60.90
Sept. 1	39.0	164.1	64.00	40.0	130.5	52.20	38.2	162.7	62.15
Oct. 1	39.7	165.9	65.86	40.5	131.5	53.26	38.4	163.5	62.78
Nov. 1	39.9	167.0	66.83	39.9	131.4	52.43	38.1	163.9	62.45
Dec. 1	41.1	169.4	69.62	39.7	132.5	52.60	37.7	164.3	61.94
1954 --Jan. 1	37.1	166.9	61.92	37.7	134.5	50.71	35.3	163.4	57.68
Feb. 1	40.4	169.2	68.36	40.2	133.2	53.55	36.3	164.1	59.57
Mar. 1	40.1	168.6	67.51	40.5	133.1	53.91	37.6	166.1	62.45
Apr. 1	40.3	167.8	67.62	40.1	132.7	53.21	37.9	166.2	62.99
May 1	40.6	169.4	68.78	39.5	133.5	52.77	38.1	166.7	63.51
June 1	36.6	168.8	61.78	39.6	134.4	53.22	37.5	168.0	63.00
July 1	39.6	168.1	66.57	39.9	133.5	53.27	38.2	168.9	64.52
Aug. 1	39.3	168.0	66.02	39.9	133.9	53.43	38.0	167.3	63.57
Sept. 1	39.5	166.2	65.85	40.1	133.1	53.37	37.8	165.6	62.60
Oct. 1	39.8	166.1	66.11	40.2	133.2	53.55	38.3	167.4	64.11
Nov. 1	40.3	169.4	68.27	40.9	132.9	54.36	38.5	167.8	64.60
Dec. 1	40.4	169.6	68.52	40.2	134.3	53.99	38.3	168.0	64.34
1955 --Jan. 1	40.6	168.2	68.29	38.5	134.1	51.63	36.7	167.3	61.40
Feb. 1	40.6	170.8	69.34	39.6	134.3	53.18	38.2	167.1	63.85
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Table 8.- Changes in Average Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners, by Area and Industry.
(Decrease indicated by the minus sign)

Industry and Area	Change in Average Hourly Earnings, Feb. 1, 1955 over			Change in Average Weekly Wages, Feb. 1, 1955 over		
	Feb. 1 1954	Feb. 1 1953	Feb. 1 1952	Feb. 1 1954	Feb. 1 1953	Feb. 1 1952
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
(a) Canada						
Manufacturing	1.6	6.3	12.3	2.1	3.8	10.4
Mining	1.3	4.6	13.4	3.4	5.8	14.7
Buildings and structures (h)	-1.0	6.2	17.7	1.3	3.0	13.7
Highways, bridges and street construction	6.9	15.1	25.4	5.1	10.4	17.0
Electric and motor transportation (i)	1.9	6.9	15.1	-0.3	5.5	13.6
Service (j)						
(b) Manufacturing, Provinces						
Newfoundland	-0.3	6.4	10.8	-9.6	4.5	5.3
Nova Scotia	-2.7	4.4	8.5	-0.7	3.4	7.5
New Brunswick	-0.3	6.6	12.0	2.4	5.9	7.9
Quebec	1.1	6.8	12.6	1.1	3.1	10.0
Ontario	1.7	5.8	11.7	2.4	3.8	10.4
Manitoba	1.1	5.5	13.4	-0.6	3.4	10.9
Saskatchewan	4.5	11.4	17.0	3.2	8.4	16.1
Alberta	4.5	10.1	18.0	7.7	12.3	19.7
British Columbia	1.3	4.1	9.2	7.4	4.9	11.5
(c) Manufacturing, Metropolitan Areas						
Montreal	0.3	5.5	12.7	-0.2	2.0	9.7
Toronto	2.8	6.9	13.9	3.3	4.8	13.3
Hamilton	-0.1	2.3	8.8	0.1	0.8	8.0
Windsor	0.9	5.9	11.6	1.4	5.1	10.2
Winnipeg	0.8	5.1	13.2	-0.7	2.7	11.3
Vancouver	1.8	4.2	9.2	7.2	5.0	11.8

Footnotes (a) to (j) appear in explanatory notes at the end of this report.

Table 9.- Index Numbers of Average Hourly Earnings in the Heavy Electrical Machinery and Equipment Industry. (1949=100)

Week Preceding	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Jan. 1	109.2	127.5	135.9	139.5	142.2
Feb. 1	111.9	128.4	136.0	142.1	141.8
Mar. 1	112.9	128.1	136.4	141.8	
Apr. 1	112.8	128.8	136.3	142.9	
May 1	115.2	129.9	134.9	143.0	
June 1	120.4	133.9	135.1	144.3	
July 1	121.2	133.5	136.9	144.9	
Aug. 1	122.7	134.1	135.8	144.3	
Sept. 1	124.3	134.3	136.1	143.4	
Oct. 1	125.5	135.5	137.1	143.4	
Nov. 1	128.5	138.5	138.6	143.1	
Dec. 1	127.4	136.5	138.7	143.2	

Table 10.- Average Weekly Wages in Manufacturing and the Consumer Price Index, 1945 - 1955.

Year and Month	Actual Weekly Wages in Dollars	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	Index Numbers of		The Consumer Price Index* 1949=100
			Actual Weekly Wages (1949=100)	Weekly Wages in 1949 Dollars	
	Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3	Col. 4	Col. 5
1945 - Average	30.74	40.99	73.7	98.3	75.0
1946 - Average	29.87	38.54	71.6	92.4	77.5
1947 - Average	34.13	40.25	81.8	96.5	84.8
1948 - Average	38.53	39.72	92.4	95.2	97.0
1949 - Average	41.71	41.71	100.0	100.0	100.0
1950 - Average	43.82	42.59	105.1	102.1	102.9
1951 - Average	48.82	42.94	117.0	102.9	113.7
1952 - Average	53.62	46.03	128.6	110.4	116.5
1953 - Average	56.09	48.56	134.5	116.4	115.5
1954 - Average	57.16	49.19	137.0	117.9	116.2
1954 - Jan. 1	54.06	46.72	129.6	112.0	115.7
Feb. 1	57.14	49.39	137.0	118.4	115.7
Mar. 1	57.79	50.03	138.6	119.9	115.5
Apr. 1	57.67	49.89	138.3	119.6	115.5
May 1	57.57	49.84	138.0	119.5	115.5
June 1	56.60	48.75	135.7	116.9	116.1
July 1	57.35	49.35	137.5	118.3	116.2
Aug. 1	57.35	49.02	137.5	117.5	117.0
Sept. 1	57.06	48.85	136.8	117.1	116.8
Oct. 1	57.70	49.40	138.3	118.4	116.8
Nov. 1	58.03	49.68	139.1	119.1	116.8
Dec. 1	58.17	49.89	139.5	119.6	116.6
1955 - Jan. 1	56.12	48.21	134.5	115.6	116.4
Feb. 1	58.36	50.18	139.9	120.3	116.3
Mar. 1					
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Note:- An explanation of the method used in computing the statistics of real wages as shown in Columns 2 and 4 appeared in the 1952 Annual Review of Man-Hours and Hourly Earnings.

Although calculations of real wages may reflect the experience of groups of workers fairly well, it should be noted that their dependability, particularly as they apply to individual wage-earners, rests upon certain important qualifications. Substantial variations within the group, such as marked changes in the proportions of men and women, or important shifts of employment between higher or lower paid areas, industries and occupations which may affect the wage averages, will in turn influence the real earnings series. Further, should important changes in spending habits occur in the interval, the estimates of change in real earnings are likely to be less reliable. The latter qualification is of particular importance over long periods of time.

It should also be kept in mind that measures of change in real earnings calculated from averages of gross earnings may differ from changes in the purchasing power of "take-home" pay, due to such factors as changes in personal income tax, and pay deductions for such things as social insurance and pension plans. Thus index numbers of real wages should not be interpreted as measuring fluctuations in the level of consumption of wage-earners or wage-earners' families; they are intended to show only the trend in purchasing power of wages over the items covered by the price index, and in addition to the factors already mentioned, do not take into account other family income or changes in the savings position of families.

*For construction methods and component details see monthly publication "Prices and Price Indexes."



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EXPLANATORY NOTES.

General.- The monthly statistics of average hours, average hourly earnings and average weekly wages, like those of employment, payrolls and average weekly wages and salaries, are based on data from establishments usually employing 15 persons and over. Statistics for the latest month are subject to revision.

Coverage.- Firms are asked to furnish information for the male and female wage-earners for whom they keep records of hours worked, so that the statistics relate, in the main, to hourly-rated wage-earners, or production workers, employed full time and part time. Casual workers are also included. Data for salaried personnel are purposely excluded. In many cases, information is not available for certain classes of wage-earners, whose earnings, like those of most salaried employees, are not directly dependent on the number of hours worked; examples of wage-earners frequently excluded are route-drivers, piece-workers in many but not all establishments, truck men, etc. Numerous employers do not keep record of man-hours for any classes of employees. The number of workers for whom information is given in the present report is therefore smaller than the total number of workers (wage-earners and salaried employees) for whom statistics of employment, payrolls, average earnings, sex distribution, etc., are given in the monthly bulletins on employment and payrolls. These contain a fuller explanation of the monthly data on employment, payrolls and man-hours.

In manufacturing, largely represented in the statistics of this report, the data relate to over 74 p.c. of all employees on the staffs of the firms co-operating in the monthly surveys of employment and payrolls; in 1951, the wage-earners for whom information on man-hours was obtained formed over 81 p.c. of the total number of wage-earners reported by practically all manufacturing establishments to the Annual Census of Manufactures, including hourly-rated and other wage-earners. In mining and construction, data on man-hours and hourly earnings are provided for approximately 78 p.c. and 72 p.c. of the total employees of firms co-operating in the monthly surveys of employment and payrolls in those industries, respectively; in 1948, the monthly statistics were based on approximately 89 p.c. and 54 p.c. of the total number of wage-earners reported to the Census of Mining and Census of Construction, respectively.

Man-Hours.- The statistics of man-hours include hours worked by full-time and part-time wage-earners, including overtime hours actually worked; premium or penalty hours credited for purposes of computing overtime payment are not included. Hours credited to wage-earners absent on leave with pay in the reported pay periods are included in the statistics as though the hours had been worked. The averages are obtained by dividing the aggregate hours reported for the week by the number of full-time and part-time wage-earners working such hours.

Wages.- The questionnaire calls for a statement of gross wages earned by the full-time and part-time wage-earners whose hours are reported, before deductions are made for taxes, unemployment insurance contributions, etc. Payments for overtime work, incentive or production, and cost-of-living bonuses paid at regular intervals, and amounts credited to wage-earners on leave with pay in the reported pay periods are included. The value of board and lodging, which in some cases is part of the remuneration of workers, is not included. Retroactive pay not earned during the reported pay period, and bonuses paid at infrequent intervals are also excluded.

Pay Periods.- Statistics of man-hours and wages reported for periods exceeding one week in duration are reduced by the appropriate proportions to calculate the number of hours and the wages in one week in the stated pay period. Such data are combined with weekly figures furnished by employers whose records are maintained on a weekly basis, so that, in all cases, the tabulated statistics represent the situation in one week in each month.

Footnotes.

The following footnotes explain the content of various industrial classes listed in the detailed tables in this bulletin. In some industries, the group breakdown is less extensive than in the Standard Industrial Classification; in these cases, figures for certain categories not shown are contained in the group totals.

- (a) Alluvial gold and auriferous quartz mining.
 - (b) Copper-gold-silver; iron; nickel-copper; silver-cobalt; silver-lead-zinc and miscellaneous metal mining.
 - (c) Non-metal mining and quarrying; clay and sand pits.
 - (d) Miscellaneous wood products.
 - (e) Paper boxes and bags; roofing papers; miscellaneous paper products.
 - (f) Household, office and store machinery; machine tools; machinery, n.e.s.
 - (g) Abrasives; asbestos; hydraulic cement; clay; glass; lime and gypsum; stone; concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic mineral products.
 - (h) Buildings and structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
 - (i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; services incidental to transportation; other transportation.
 - (j) Hotels and restaurants; laundries, dyeing, cleaning and pressing plants; and recreational services.
- (..) figures not available.

