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## EXPLANATION OF THE TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT.

Wage-Earners.-- Leading employers are asked to furnish monthly statistics on man-hours on behalf of those wage-earners for whom they keep a record of aggregate hours worked, so that the data relate, in the main, to persons employed at hourly rates. Information for salaried employees is purposely excluded, while in many cases, statistics of man-hours are not available for certain classes of wage-earners, whose earnings, like those of most salaried employees, are not directly dependent upon 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. In addition, some employers do not keep a record of man-hours for any classes of employees. Accordingly, the number of workers for whom statistics are given in the present bulletin is smaller than the total number of employees, (salaried personnel and wage-earners) for whom statistics of employment and payrolls are obtained in the monthly surveys on these subjects; the results of these surveys are published in the monthly bulletins on employment and payrolls, which also contain data relating to the sex distribution of the workers in recorded employment, an important factor contributing to differences shown in the average earnings in various industries.

The monthly statistics of average hours and average hourly earnings, like those of employment and average weekly earnings relate, in the main, to establishments usually employing 15 persons and over, the smaller firms being excluded for reasons of economy in terms of cost and time. In the case of the manufacturing industries, (largely represented in the material of the present bulletin), the statistics relate to over 75 p.c. of all the monthly surveys of employment and payrolls. The factories furnishing monthly data on man-hours and hourly earnings in 1946 employed over 81 p.c. of the total wage-earners reported by all manufacturing establishments in the same year, including wage-earners paid by the hour and those employed on other terms.

In mining and construction, data on hours and earnings are currently available for some 85 p.c. and 83 p.c., of the total employees reported to the monthly surveys of employment and payrolls in those industries, respectively; at June 1, 1941, the co-operating mine operators had employed over 96 p.c. of all wage-earners at work as enumerated in the Census, while the employers in construction whose statistics were then received had reported over 79 p.c. of the Census total of employees at work in that group. It should be noted that the comparisons with the Census figures are complicated by differences in the classifications used in compiling the two series, so that the percentages of coverage are only approximate.

Man-Hours.-- The statistics of man-hours include overtime as well as the hours worked by part-time and casual workers. Hours credited to persons absent on leave with pay in the recorded pay period are included in the statistics as though the hours for which payment was made had been worked.

Wages.-- The wages reported represent gross earnings before deductions are made for taxes, unemployment insurance, etc.; they do not, however, include the value of board and lodging which in some cases is part of the remuneration of workers. Incentive and production bonuses and overtime payments are included, as are sums paid employees absent on leave with pay during the pay period for which statistics are given. The figures of average weekly wages result from the multiplication of the average hours worked during the period of observation, by the average hourly earnings reported in the same period.

Pay Periods.-- Statistics of man-hours and hourly wages reported for periods exceeding one week in duration are reduced by the appropriate proportions to obtain for tabulation purposes the number of hours worked and the hourly earnings in one week in the indicated pay period; such information is then added to the data furnished by employers who pay on a weekly basis, so that, in all cases, the tabulated data represent the situation in one week in each month.



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STATISTICS OF MAN-HOURS AND HOURLY EARNINGS AS REPORTED AT DEC. 1, 1948, WITH  
COMPARISONS AS AT NOV. 1, 1948 AND DEC. 1, 1947.

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1. MANUFACTURING.

In leading manufacturing establishments, the wage-earners for whom a record of man-hours is kept averaged 43.2 hours of work in the week of Dec. 1. At Nov. 1, the average had been 43.1 hours. The latest figure differed little from the averages indicated in the week of Dec. 1 in 1947 or 1946, but was considerably lower than the averages of 44.8 hours and 46.3 hours in the comparable period in 1945 and 1946, respectively. The aggregate hours worked by the hourly-rated wage-earners employed in the larger factories and their weekly wages increased by 1.1 p.c. and 0.6 p.c., respectively, in the week of Dec. 1 as compared with the week of Nov. 1, although the number of wage-earners declined by one p.c. A new high was reached in the four-year record of hourly earnings at the date under review, when the general average in manufacturing stood at 95.9 cents, as compared with 95.5 cents at Nov. 1. Revisions of wage-rates in the electrical apparatus, automotive parts, sugar refining and other industries, together with the release of lower-paid casual labour in canning factories, contributed to this increase. At Dec. 1, 1947, 1946, 1945 and 1944, the hourly earnings were 85.6 cents, 74.5 cents, 67 cents and 70.5 cents, respectively. The average hourly earnings at the date under review showed an increase of 12 p.c. as compared with a year earlier, of 28.7 p.c. in the 24 months' comparison, of 43.1 p.c. over Dec. 1, 1945, and of 36 p.c. in the four-year comparison.

The average weekly wages of the hourly-rated personnel employed by leading manufacturers at Dec. 1 amounted to \$41.43. This was 27 cents above the Nov. 1 figure of \$41.16, and was also the maximum in the record of 50 months. The general averages in manufacturing at Dec. 1 in earlier years were: 1947, \$37.24; 1946, \$32.18; 1945, \$30.02, and 1944, \$32.64. The latest figure showed an increase of 11.3 p.c. as compared with 12 months ago, of 28.7 p.c. in the two-year comparison, of 38 p.c. over the Dec. 1, 1945, average, and of 26.9 p.c. in the four-year comparison. In all cases, the figures quoted represent gross earnings, before deductions for taxes, unemployment insurance contributions, etc.

TABLES.

The statistics of average hours worked and average hourly earnings in manufacturing as a whole as reported by leading establishments in the period for which data are available are given in Table 1 on page 2, while Table 2 on page 3 shows since Nov. 1, 1944, the figures of average weekly wages of wage-earners for whom the larger manufacturers keep a record of hours worked, together with statistics of average weekly salaries and wages in the same period. Table 3 toward the end of the report gives the industrial distribution of the wage-earners for whom statistics are available at the date under review, giving their average hours of work, their average hourly earnings and their average weekly wages, with comparative averages as at Nov. 1, 1948, and Dec. 1, 1947. Tables 4 to 8 provide monthly statistics for a period of some duration for certain industries and for the provinces and cities, while in Tables 9 and 10 are given industrial data on average hours and average hourly earnings in the provinces and in five of the leading industrial cities at Nov. 1 and Dec. 1, 1948, and Dec. 1, 1947.

Table 1.- Average Hours Worked and Average Hourly Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners in Manufacturing as a Whole and in the Manufacture of Durable Goods and of Non-Durable Goods.

Week Preceding	Average Hours Worked			Average Hourly Earnings		
	All Manu- factures No.	Durable Goods No.	Non-Durable Goods No.	All Manu- factures ¢	Durable Goods ¢	Non-Durable Goods ¢
Nov. 1, 1944	46.3	47.0	45.3	70.3	77.7	60.1
Dec. 1	46.3	46.9	45.5	70.5	77.9	60.4
*Jan. 1, 1945	39.6	39.7	39.5	70.0	77.1	60.9
Feb. 1	45.4	46.0	44.7	70.1	77.8	60.3
Mar. 1	45.8	46.5	45.0	70.1	77.8	60.3
*Apr. 1	43.6	44.2	42.7	70.4	78.0	60.9
May 1	45.5	46.2	44.5	70.5	78.2	60.9
June 1	44.3	44.7	43.9	70.3	77.5	61.4
July 1	44.3	45.0	43.3	70.1	77.0	61.2
Aug. 1	44.3	44.7	43.7	69.5	76.9	60.7
Sept. 1	44.1	44.2	44.0	69.2	76.5	60.9
Oct. 1	44.7	45.0	44.5	67.6	75.4	60.4
Nov. 1	44.9	45.3	44.6	67.5	74.8	60.6
Dec. 1	44.8	44.9	44.6	67.0	74.0	60.6
*Jan. 1, 1946	38.1	37.5	38.7	67.9	74.7	61.7
Feb. 1	44.1	44.4	43.8	68.1	75.2	61.3
Mar. 1	44.0	44.2	43.9	67.9	74.5	61.5
Apr. 1	44.4	44.6	44.2	68.4	75.1	61.8
*May 1	43.0	43.2	42.8	68.9	75.5	62.4
June 1	42.0	42.1	41.9	69.1	75.1	63.3
July 1	42.4	42.8	42.1	70.0	75.7	64.1
Aug. 1	43.0	43.2	42.8	70.0	75.8	64.4
Sept. 1	42.7	42.6	42.7	70.6	76.5	65.1
Oct. 1	42.9	42.8	42.9	71.4	77.8	65.7
Nov. 1	42.4	42.5	42.3	72.9	79.4	66.7
Dec. 1	43.2	43.2	43.2	74.5	81.8	67.6
*Jan. 1, 1947	38.1	38.0	38.1	76.3	83.3	69.4
Feb. 1	43.2	43.2	43.1	76.4	83.5	69.4
Mar. 1	43.4	43.6	43.2	77.1	84.2	69.9
Apr. 1	43.2	43.4	43.1	77.6	84.8	70.5
May 1	43.2	43.3	43.1	78.3	85.4	71.2
June 1	42.9	43.0	42.7	79.9	86.2	73.4
July 1	42.0	42.5	41.6	80.8	86.8	74.7
Aug. 1	42.5	42.6	42.3	81.3	87.7	74.8
Sept. 1	42.3	42.5	42.2	82.2	88.8	75.7
Oct. 1	43.1	43.5	42.6	83.4	90.6	76.2
Nov. 1	42.9	43.2	42.7	84.7	91.9	77.6
Dec. 1	43.5	43.8	43.2	85.6	92.8	78.3
*Jan. 1, 1948	38.3	38.5	38.1	86.6	92.9	80.0
Feb. 1	42.8	42.7	42.8	86.6	93.2	80.1
Mar. 1	43.2	43.4	43.0	88.0	95.0	80.8
*Apr. 1	41.6	41.8	41.4	89.0	95.6	82.1
May 1	43.1	43.4	42.7	89.4	96.2	82.4
June 1	41.7	41.6	41.7	91.4	98.4	84.4
July 1	42.0	42.3	41.6	92.3	99.2	85.2
Aug. 1	42.1	42.0	42.1	92.7	99.8	85.6
Sept. 1	41.7	42.0	41.5	93.4	100.9	85.8
Oct. 1	43.0	43.3	42.7	94.6	102.6	86.6
Nov. 1	43.1	43.2	43.1	95.5	103.4	87.6
Dec. 1	43.2	43.4	43.1	95.9	104.1	87.7

\*The averages at these dates were affected by loss of working time at the year-end holidays in the case of Jan. 1, and by the Easter holidays in the case of Apr. 1, 1948 and 1945, and May 1, 1946.



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### AVERAGE HOURS WORKED.

There was little change in the average hours of work reported by the leading manufacturing establishments for their hourly-rated staff at Dec. 1 as compared with a month earlier. The general average increased by one-tenth of an hour, while the aggregate hours increased by 1.1 p.c. Longer working hours were reported in leather products, vegetable products, printing and publishing, tobacco, clay, glass and stone products, iron and steel, non-ferrous<sup>metal</sup> products and several other industries, while wage-earners in the animal food products, rubber, beverages and pulp and paper industries worked shorter hours on the average than in the week of Nov. 1. In 1947, 1946, 1945 and 1944, the working week of Dec. 1 in manufacturing generally had been 43.5, 43.2 hours, 44.8 hours and 46.3 hours, respectively. The decline of 3.1 hours in<sup>hours,</sup> the average in the four-year period reflects a definite trend toward shorter standard hours, although a reduction in overtime work in many factories in the post-war period is also a contributing factor.

In factories manufacturing durable goods, the aggregate hours worked increased by 0.5 p.c. at Dec. 1 as compared with Nov. 1, while the number of wage-earners rose by 0.1 p.c. There were small advances in the average hours worked in each of the industries included in this division, in which the hours reported at the date under review averaged 43.4, as compared with 43.2 in the same week a month earlier. A year ago, the working week had been 43.8 hours in length, while at the same date in 1946, 1945 and 1944, the averages had been 43.2 hours, 44.9 hours, and 46.9 hours, respectively.

The aggregate hours reported decreased by 0.2 p.c. in the light manufactured goods division at Dec. 1 as compared with the week of Nov. 1, while the average working week was unchanged. The number of wage-earners for whom man-hours were reported in the week of Dec. 1 was 0.3 p.c. less than ~~that~~ in the preceding month. During the week of Dec. 1 in 1947, 1946, 1945 and 1944, the hours of work reported in the light manufactured goods industries throughout Canada averaged 43.2, 43.2, 44.6 and 45.5, respectively.

### HOURLY EARNINGS.

The hourly earnings reported by the larger manufacturing establishments at Dec. 1 reached a new maximum of 95.9 cents. In the week of Nov. 1, wage-earners in the same plants had earned, on the average, 95.5 cents an hour. At Dec. 1, 1947, 1946, 1945 and 1944, the averages were 85.6 cents, 74.5 cents, 67 cents and 70.5 cents, respectively. The increase in the last twelve months amounts to 12 p.c., that in the two years to 28.7 p.c.; in the 36 months' comparison there was an advance of 43.1 p.c. in the latest figure, and in the four-year comparison, an increase of 36 p.c. In the heavy manufacturing goods industries, the earnings reported at Dec. 1 averaged 114.1 cents, exceeding the Nov. 1 figure by 0.7 cents. At Dec. 1, 1947, the average hourly earnings had been 92.8 cents, while at the same date in 1946, 1945 and 1944, the averages had been 81.8 cents, 74 cents and 77.9 cents, respectively. An upward revision in the wage rates in the electrical apparatus and automobile parts industries was an important factor in the higher figure indicated in establishments producing durable goods. In comparison with the week of Dec. 1 a year earlier, the percentage increase was 12.2 p.c. while the advances over Dec. 1 in 1946, 1945 and 1944, amounted to 27.3 p.c., 40.7 p.c., and 33.6 p.c., respectively.

In factories producing light manufactured goods, there was an increase of one-tenth of a cent in the hourly average in the week of Dec. 1 as compared with the previous maximum of 87.6 cents, reported at Nov. 1, 1948. Seasonal lay-offs of employees at relatively low rates of pay in fruit and vegetable canneries and revisions in wage rates in sugar refineries were largely responsible for an increase of half a cent in the edible plant products industry. The seasonally-increased employment of lower-paid help in the tobacco group, however, reduced the average hourly earnings in

Table 2.- Average Weekly Salaries and Wages and Average Weekly Wages of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners as Reported in Manufacturing as a Whole, and in the Manufacture of Durable Goods and of Non-Durable Goods.

Week Preceding	All Manufactures <sup>1/</sup>		Durable Manufactured Goods		Non-Durable Manufactured Goods	
	Average Weekly Salaries & Wages	Average Weekly Wages	Average Weekly Salaries & Wages	Average Weekly Wages	Average Weekly Salaries & Wages	Average Weekly Wages
Nov. 1, 1944	\$33.13	\$32.55	\$36.67	\$36.52	\$28.99	\$27.23
Dec. 1	33.29	32.64	36.83	36.54	29.23	27.48
*Jan. 1 1945	30.11	27.72	32.77	30.61	27.05	24.06
Feb. 1	32.98	31.83	36.44	35.79	29.06	26.95
Mar. 1	33.50	32.11	37.04	36.18	29.46	27.14
*Apr. 1	32.48	30.69	35.78	34.48	28.73	26.07
May 1	33.51	32.08	36.98	36.08	29.58	27.10
June 1	32.81	31.14	35.76	34.64	29.48	26.95
July 1	32.91	31.05	36.02	34.65	29.33	26.50
Aug. 1	32.65	30.79	35.67	34.37	29.33	26.53
Sept. 1	32.51	30.52	35.58	33.81	29.60	26.80
Oct. 1	32.45	30.31	35.57	33.93	29.61	26.88
Nov. 1	32.55	30.31	35.60	33.88	29.84	27.03
Dec. 1	32.32	30.02	35.20	33.23	29.83	27.03
*Jan. 1, 1946	29.32	25.87	31.30	28.01	27.57	23.88
Feb. 1	32.29	30.03	35.23	33.39	29.69	26.85
Mar. 1	32.29	29.88	34.90	32.93	29.98	27.00
Apr. 1	32.69	30.37	35.34	33.49	30.30	27.32
*May 1	32.10	29.63	34.51	32.62	29.89	26.67
June 1	31.67	29.02	33.79	31.62	29.80	26.52
July 1	32.21	29.68	34.39	32.40	30.23	26.99
Aug. 1	32.53	30.10	34.62	32.75	30.68	27.56
Sept. 1	32.59	30.15	34.65	32.59	30.82	27.80
Oct. 1	33.06	30.63	35.43	33.30	31.08	28.19
Nov. 1	33.32	30.91	35.83	33.75	31.17	28.21
Dec. 1	34.43	32.18	37.15	35.34	32.07	29.20
*Jan. 1, 1947	32.23	29.07	34.40	31.65	30.29	26.44
Feb. 1	35.22	33.00	37.91	36.07	32.82	29.91
Mar. 1	35.69	33.46	38.48	36.71	33.17	30.20
Apr. 1	35.87	33.52	38.59	36.80	33.38	30.39
May 1	36.13	33.83	38.83	36.98	33.67	30.69
June 1	36.52	34.28	38.91	37.07	34.32	31.11
July 1	36.34	33.94	38.71	36.89	34.18	31.08
Aug. 1	36.85	34.55	39.26	37.26	34.65	31.64
Sept. 1	37.05	34.77	39.49	37.74	34.83	31.95
*Oct. 1	37.94	35.95	40.94	39.41	35.21	32.46
Nov. 1	38.42	36.34	41.26	39.70	35.86	33.14
Dec. 1	39.16	37.24	42.09	40.65	36.50	33.83
*Jan. 1, 1948	36.15	33.17	38.31	35.77	34.14	30.48
Feb. 1	39.26	37.06	41.65	39.80	37.10	34.28
Mar. 1	40.11	38.02	42.85	41.23	37.58	34.74
*Apr. 1	39.46	37.02	41.87	39.96	37.19	33.99
May 1	40.66	38.53	43.36	41.75	38.11	35.18
June 1	40.49	38.11	43.03	40.93	38.12	35.19
July 1	41.03	38.77	43.89	41.96	38.36	35.44
Aug. 1	41.32	39.03	44.00	41.92	38.83	36.04
Sept. 1	41.33	38.95	44.44	42.38	38.46	35.61
Oct. 1	42.74	40.68	46.12	44.43	39.63	36.98
Nov. 1	43.28	41.16	46.43	44.67	40.36	37.76
Dec. 1	43.57	41.43	46.88	45.78	40.48	37.80

<sup>1/</sup> Exclusive of electric light and power. \* See footnote on page 2.



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that industry by 2.4 cents at the date under review. At Dec. 1 in 1947, 1946, 1945 and 1944, the hourly earnings in the non-durable classes taken as a whole averaged 78.3 cents, 67.6 cents, 60.6 cents, and 60.4 cents, respectively. The increase at the date under review as compared with a year earlier amounted to 12 p.c., that in the two-years comparison was 29.7 p.c.; as compared with Dec. 1, 1945, the rise was 44.7 p.c., and that over Dec. 1, 1944, stood at 45.2 p.c.

#### AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES.

The aggregate weekly wages paid to the hourly-rated wage-earners employed in the larger manufacturing establishments at Dec. 1 were 0.6 p.c. higher than at Nov. 1. The average weekly wages of their hourly-rated wage-earners stood at \$41.43 at Dec. 1, as compared with \$41.16 at the beginning of November. At Dec. 1, 1947, 1946, 1945 and 1944, the weekly wages were \$37.24, \$32.18, \$30.02 and \$32.64, respectively. The figure at the latest date was the maximum in the record of 50 months. In the heavy manufactured goods class, the weekly wages averaged \$45.18, exceeding by 51 cents the figure reported in the week of Nov. 1, previously the maximum. In the non-durable goods division, the average weekly wages rose only from \$37.76 to \$37.80 during the period between Nov. 1 and Dec. 1.

Table 2 gives a comparison of the average weekly salaries and wages reported monthly by leading manufacturers since 1944, with the average weekly wages paid the wage-earners for whom they keep record of hours worked. The former figures include wage-earners paid by the hour and those paid at other rates, (such as piece workers, etc.), as well as workers paid by salary and commission. On the whole, however, the wage-earners for whom statistics are given in the present bulletin, as shown in Table 3, form important proportions of the total personnel of the co-operating establishments. At the beginning of December, such employees made up 76 p.c. of the total number of persons of all categories on the payrolls of the manufacturers<sup>1/</sup> furnishing monthly statistics on employment and payrolls at the same date; in the heavy manufactured goods industries, the ratio was 78.8 p.c., and that in the light manufactured goods division, 73.3 p.c.

The following table shows the percentage increases in the weekly salaries-and-wages figure and in the wages of hourly-rated personnel at Dec. 1, 1948, as compared with Dec. 1 in 1947, 1946 and 1945.

<u>Industrial Division</u>	<u>Increases at Dec. 1, 1948, as compared with:</u>					
	<u>Dec. 1, 1947,</u>		<u>Dec. 1, 1946,</u>		<u>Dec. 1, 1945</u>	
	<u>in</u>		<u>in</u>		<u>in</u>	
	<u>Salaries and Wages</u>	<u>Weekly Wages</u>	<u>Salaries and Wages</u>	<u>Weekly Wages</u>	<u>Salaries and Wages</u>	<u>Weekly Wages</u>
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
All Manufacturing	11.3	11.3	26.5	28.7	34.8	38.0
Durable Manufactured Goods	11.4	11.1	26.2	27.8	33.2	36.0
Non-Durable Manufactured Goods	10.9	11.7	26.2	29.5	35.7	39.8

The high proportions which the hourly-rated wage-earners constitute of the total employees of the co-operating establishments lend interest to the data in Table 2. In the month, the combined salaries-and-wages figure increased by 29 cents, as compared with a gain of 27 cents in the weekly wages of the hourly-rated personnel. In the heavy manufactured goods industries, the reporting plants indicated an increase of 45 cents in the month in the salaries-and-wages figures, while a rise of 51 cents was indicated in the weekly earnings of hourly-rated wage-earners. In the non-durable manufactured goods industries, the average weekly earnings of the persons on salaries

<sup>1/</sup>That is, of establishments ordinarily employing 15 persons and over. See the monthly bulletins on Employment and Payrolls. It is estimated that the salaried personnel in manufacturing as a whole usually made up 16 p.c. to 17 p.c. of the total number of employees.

and wages at Dec. 1 increased by 12 cents, while those of the hourly-rated personnel rose by four cents from Nov. 1.

## 2. Non-Manufacturing Industries.

In many of the non-manufacturing industries, few if any of the wage-earners are paid by the hour, with the result that a precise record of the hours worked is not kept. The representation of the non-manufacturing industries in this bulletin is therefore less than that in the manufacturing classes.

The following table gives a comparison of the percentage increases in the average hourly and weekly earnings of wage-earners reported in manufacturing and in certain non-manufacturing industries in Canada at Dec. 1, 1948, as compared with the same date in earlier years:-

Industry	Increase in Average Hourly Earnings at Dec. 1, 1948, over				Increase in Average Weekly Wages at Dec. 1, 1948, over			
	Dec. 1 1947	Dec. 1 1946	Dec. 1 1945	Dec. 1 1944	Dec. 1 1947	Dec. 1 1946	Dec. 1 1945	Dec. 1 1944
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
Manufacturing	12.0	28.7	43.1	36.0	11.3	28.7	38.0	26.9
Mining	11.9	26.3	35.2	35.0	13.2	31.4	34.2	29.7
Local Transportation	10.4	26.1	38.8	40.2	10.7	23.9	33.3	36.4
Building Construction	8.7	22.0	28.4	30.3	9.2	26.9	28.7	29.0
Services	9.6	20.6	39.5	44.5	9.9	19.2	35.4	40.5

The following notes deal briefly with the statistics for several of the non-manufacturing classes.

In the week of Dec. 1, the averages of hours worked and weekly wages reported in the coal mining industry were higher than in the week of Nov. 1, but the hourly earnings declined by three-tenths of a cent, from the maximum figure of 127.7 cents at Nov. 1. At Dec. 1 in 1947, 1946, 1945 and 1944, the average hourly earnings were 111.9 cents, 100.9 cents, 93.7 cents and 93.2 cents, respectively. Wage-earners engaged in the extraction of metallic ores worked, on the average, 46 hours in the week of Dec. 1, seven-tenths of an hour longer than in the week of Nov. 1. The hourly earnings showed little change, increasing by one-tenth of a cent in the month. At the beginning of December in 1947, 1946, 1945 and 1944, the hourly averages had been 104 cents, 90.7 cents, 85.2 cents and 85.2 cents, respectively. In the four years, the weekly wages rose from \$39.87 at Dec. 1, 1944, to \$52.53 at the date under review. In the non-metallic mining group, the average hours of work decreased from 45.3 hours in the week of Nov. 1, to 44.4 hours in that of Dec. 1, largely because of seasonal inactivity in the quarries of Ontario. There was also a decline in the hours reported in the gas wells of Alberta. In the month, the hourly earnings dropped by one-tenth of a cent from the previous maximum of 99.4 cents indicated at Nov. 1. The hourly earnings at Dec. 1, 1947, 1946, 1945 and 1944, had been 84.6 cents, 72.3 cents, 64.8 and 66.6 cents, respectively. In mining as a whole, the hourly earnings at Dec. 1 were 115.3 cents, as compared with 115.1 cents a month earlier, and 103 cents, 91.3 cents, 85.3 cents and 85.4 cents in 1947, 1946, 1945 and 1944, respectively.

In the local transportation group, the situation changed only slightly during the period under review. The average hours rose by three-tenths of an hour, while the average hourly earnings remained constant, at 97.6 cents. At Dec. 1, 1947, 1946, 1945 and 1944, the averages were 88.4 cents, 77.4 cents, 70.3 cents and 69.6 cents, respectively.



In building construction, the aggregate hours worked, the number of wage-earners reported and the aggregate wages paid by the reporting firms decreased in the week of Dec. 1, as weather conditions restricted exterior work in many localities. The wage-earners remaining on the payroll worked, on the average, three-fifths of an hour less than during the same week a month earlier. The hourly earnings increased slightly, from 104.7 cents to 104.9 cents during the month. At the same date in 1947, 1946, 1945 and 1944, the hourly averages were 96.5 cents, 86 cents, 81.7 cents and 80.5 cents, respectively. There was a seasonal decline in the number of wage-earners for whom man-hours were reported in the highway construction industry at Dec. 1 as compared with Nov. 1. The average hours worked declined from 39.1 in the preceding report, to 37.4 during the pay period under review, but the hourly earnings increased by one-half a cent, to a new maximum of 81.6 cents. At the same date in 1947, 1946, 1945 and 1944, the hourly figures were 74.7 cents, 67 cents, 62.7 cents and 63 cents, respectively.

Wage-earners in hotels and restaurants for whom man-hours are reported worked, on the average, four-fifths of an hour longer in the pay period under review, than in the week of Nov. 1. The hourly earnings advanced fractionally, to 60.9 cents. A year ago, the average hourly earnings were 54.7 cents, while at Dec. 1, 1946, 1945 and 1944 the average had been 50.8 cents, 42.2 cents and 40.7 cents, respectively. The average hours worked by wage-earners in laundries and dry-cleaning establishments increased from 41.2 hours at Nov. 1 to 41.4 hours during the period under review, while the average hourly earnings rose during the same period to 62.7 cents. At the same date in 1947, 1946, 1945 and 1944, the hourly earnings had averaged 58.6 cents, 51 cents, 47.6 cents and 46.2 cents, respectively.

### 3. Provincial Statistics for Leading Industries.

Monthly statistics of man-hours and average hourly earnings in manufacturing as a whole in the various provinces in the last 25 months are given in Table 5. Table 6 contains provincial figures of average weekly wages of wage-earners for whom data are available since Nov. 1, 1944. In Table 9 are shown provincial statistics of average hours and average hourly earnings at Nov. 1 and Dec. 1, 1948, and Dec. 1, 1947, for the manufacturing industries employing representative numbers of hourly-rated workers in the various provinces.

In many cases, the provincial averages of hours worked by wage-earners in the factories furnishing data showed only slight changes in the week of Dec. 1 in comparison with those reported in the week of Nov. 1. In Nova Scotia and Quebec, the average working hours were unchanged at 44.7 hours and 45.1 hours, respectively. In New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, there were slight decreases, the most important being that of two-fifths of an hour in Alberta. In Ontario and British Columbia, there were increases in the indicated working week amounting to one-fifth of an hour and one half an hour, respectively. Heightened activity in the lumber, iron and steel and other industries was responsible for the longer working hours in British Columbia in the week of Dec. 1.

The upward trend in average hourly earnings continued in all provinces except Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan. In Nova Scotia, there was a decline of half a cent in the average rate, due in part to shorter working hours in the iron and steel industry. The average hourly earnings in Saskatchewan declined by three-tenths of a cent during the month. In the other provinces, there were small increases, varying from one-fifth of a cent in Quebec and Manitoba, to four-fifths of a cent in New Brunswick, half a cent in Ontario, seven-tenths in British Columbia and one cent in Alberta. In Ontario increased wage rates in the electrical apparatus and automotive parts industries and heightened activity in establishments turning out iron and steel products contributed to the rise in average hourly earnings in the general figure in manufacturing. In British Columbia, higher wages were reported by shipbuilding firms and sugar

refineries, while seasonal lay-off of low-paid casual help in fruit, vegetable and fish canneries was also a factor. In Alberta, seasonal slackening in sugar refineries, together with longer working hours in railway car shops, brought about a slight increase in manufacturing as a whole.

As compared with Dec. 1, 1947, the increases in hourly earnings in manufacturing as a whole were as follows: Nova Scotia, 7.2 cents; New Brunswick, 10.3 cents; Quebec, 9.5 cents; Ontario, 10.6 cents; Manitoba, 10.7 cents; Saskatchewan, 11.1 cents; Alberta, 12.8 cents and British Columbia, 12.1 cents. While the upward movement in average hourly earnings in leading manufacturing establishments evident since the cessation of hostilities continues, the rates of increase at the date under review were less than those reported in immediately preceding months.

The following table gives the percentage increases in the average hourly earnings and the average weekly wages of wage-earners in manufacturing for whom statistics are available in the various provinces at Dec. 1, 1948, as compared with the same date one, two and three years earlier, together with the number of wage-earners reported by leading manufacturers at the latest date:-

Provinces	Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners Reported at Dec. 1, 1948 No.	Increase in Average Hourly Earnings at Dec. 1, 1948, over			Increase in Average Weekly Wages at Dec. 1, 1948, over		
		Dec. 1, 1947	Dec. 1, 1946	Dec. 1, 1945	Dec. 1, 1947	Dec. 1, 1946	Dec. 1, 1945
		p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
Nova Scotia	20,171	9.3	21.1	22.0	9.1	20.3	17.0
New Brunswick	15,023	13.3	29.4	41.5	15.6	28.8	39.9
Quebec	259,426	12.3	27.9	40.5	11.1	27.6	34.5
Ontario	396,190	11.8	29.6	47.2	11.0	30.5	43.8
Manitoba	29,351	12.9	23.9	36.8	12.6	23.7	32.5
Saskatchewan	5,339	12.7	29.3	43.0	13.2	28.7	37.8
Alberta	15,231	15.1	29.4	39.0	15.6	29.7	36.8
British Columbia	56,834	11.7	28.1	42.8	13.5	26.8	33.3
CANADA	798,084	12.0	28.7	43.1	11.3	28.7	28.7

The industrial and the related sex distribution of the wage-earners reported by leading firms in the various provinces have an important influence on the differences in the amounts by which the hourly earnings in manufacturing as a whole have risen in the year. The above table shows that all provinces have shared in the general trend towards higher wage rates since the cessation of hostilities. The particularly marked percentage increases over Dec. 1, 1945, are due in part to the fact that industry was then seriously affected by curtailment of operations in establishments which had produced military supplies during the war, while the dispute in the automotive industry in the final months of 1945 was also a factor of importance in the situation.

#### 4. Statistics for the Larger Cities.

Table 6 contains monthly statistics of average hours of work and average hourly earnings in leading manufacturing establishments generally in the larger cities in the last 25 months; in Table 8 are given the figures of average weekly wages reported since Nov. 1, 1944, while Table 10 gives statistics of average hours of work and average hourly earnings in certain industries in these centres as at Nov. 1 and Dec. 1, 1948, and Dec. 1, 1947.

As has previously been stated, the variations in the average hourly earnings in manufacturing as a whole in the cities are due, in part, to differences in the industrial distributions of the wage-earners for whom statistics are available; the



related sex distribution of the labour force is another important factor contributing to these disparities.

In Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg, the average hours worked by wage-earners for whom man-hours are reported by leading manufacturers showed little if any change during the week of Dec. 1 as compared with the week of Nov. 1. In Hamilton, there was an increase of seven-tenths of an hour, due mainly to a longer working week in the iron and steel industry. The wage-earners reported in Vancouver averaged two-fifths of an hour longer in the week of Dec. 1 than in that of Nov. 1.

All five centres reported higher average hourly earnings than at the same date a month earlier. In Hamilton, the advance amounted to 2.2 cents, largely accounted for by higher wage rates in the electrical apparatus industry. In Vancouver, the general average of hourly earnings in manufacturing as a whole rose by one cent as compared with the week of Nov. 1. Increases in the rates of wages paid in certain branches of the vegetable foods industry, and seasonal slackening in employment in canning factories, contributed to the gain. The advances in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg were minor.

In comparison with a year ago, the average hourly earnings in manufacturing have risen by 10.1 cents, 9.9 cents, 13.8 cents, 10.7 cents and 12.1 cents in Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Winnipeg and Vancouver, respectively. It may be noted that, on the whole, the increases between Nov. 1 and Dec. 1 were less marked than those shown in recently preceding months. In all five centres the indicated weekly wages advanced from Nov. 1 to Dec. 1. The percentage increases in the average hourly and weekly earnings reported in manufacturing as a whole in the leading industrial cities at Dec. 1, 1948, as compared with the same date in immediately preceding years, are given in the following table:-

City	Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners Reported at Dec. 1, 1948 No.	Increase in Average Hourly Earnings at Dec. 1, 1948, over			Increase in Average Weekly Wages at Dec. 1, 1948, over		
		Dec. 1, 1947	Dec. 1, 1946	Dec. 1, 1945	Dec. 1, 1947	Dec. 1, 1946	Dec. 1, 1945
		p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
Montreal	136,157	12.4	26.0	36.2	12.7	26.6	29.1
Toronto	117,512	11.0	29.1	41.1	11.0	29.7	38.7
Hamilton	42,968	14.7	32.6	50.0	13.1	31.0	44.2
Winnipeg	26,134	13.0	23.2	35.6	12.7	23.5	28.9
Vancouver	24,297	11.9	25.4	38.3	12.2	24.1	29.0

In Canada as a whole, the general advance in manufacturing as compared with a year earlier was 12 p.c. in the case of the average hourly rate, and 11.3 p.c. in the case of the average weekly wages, while in the 24 months' comparison, the Dominion average of hourly earnings rose by 28.7 p.c. and that of weekly wages by 28.7 p.c. The percentages of increase in the various provinces are given in a preceding paragraph.

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Table 5.- Average Hours and Average Hourly and Weekly Earnings of Wage-Earners for Whom Data are Available at Dec. 1, 1948, With Comparative Figures for Nov. 1, 1948 and Dec. 1, 1947.  
(The latest figures are subject to revision).

INDUSTRIES	Average Hours Per Week Reported at			Average Hourly Earnings Reported at			Average Weekly Wages			Wage-Earners 3/ Working Hours Shown in Col.1
	Dec. 1 1948	Nov. 1 1948	Dec. 1 1947	Dec. 1 1948	Nov. 1 1948	Dec. 1 1947	Dec. 1 1948	Nov. 1 1948	Dec. 1 1947	
	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
<b>MANUFACTURING</b>	43.2	43.1	43.6	96.9	96.6	86.6	41.43	41.16	37.24	798,084
*Durable manufactured goods	43.4	43.2	43.8	104.1	103.4	92.8	45.18	44.87	40.66	399,693
Non-durable manufactured goods	43.1	43.1	43.2	87.7	87.6	78.3	37.80	37.76	33.83	398,491
Animal products - edible	42.4	43.3	44.5	94.2	93.8	84.4	39.94	40.62	37.56	25,497
Dairy products	46.0	46.4	47.1	73.6	72.7	70.9	33.81	33.73	33.39	3,668
Meat products	42.6	43.0	44.3	103.1	103.6	91.5	43.92	44.55	40.53	17,109
Leather products	41.2	40.6	40.3	73.5	73.8	68.5	30.28	29.98	27.61	22,996
Leather boots and shoes	40.8	40.1	40.0	70.5	71.1	64.9	28.76	28.61	26.96	14,867
*Lumber products	41.7	41.6	42.3	89.3	88.5	79.6	37.24	36.82	33.67	86,146
Rough and dressed lumber	40.7	41.0	41.3	95.0	93.4	84.2	38.67	38.29	34.77	37,978
Containers	44.2	44.1	42.9	78.4	77.7	76.4	34.65	34.27	32.78	5,948
Furniture	42.8	42.4	43.7	84.0	83.6	75.3	36.96	36.46	32.91	15,264
*Musical instruments	45.9	44.6	45.6	81.2	81.8	71.9	37.27	36.40	32.79	836
Plant products - edible	43.7	43.1	42.0	74.1	73.6	68.1	32.38	31.72	28.60	45,947
Flour and other milled products	45.8	45.1	45.2	90.4	90.2	83.0	41.40	40.68	37.52	5,087
Fruit and vegetable preserving	43.1	40.9	39.0	70.6	70.4	63.4	30.43	28.79	24.73	9,640
Bread and bakery products	43.8	43.4	-	75.9	75.5	-	33.24	32.77	-	8,411
Chocolate and cocoa products	42.7	43.0	42.2	63.2	63.5	58.1	26.99	27.31	24.52	8,348
Pulp and paper products	45.4	45.6	46.2	105.4	105.2	93.6	47.85	47.97	43.24	83,722
Pulp and paper	48.9	49.1	49.7	112.7	112.5	100.2	55.11	55.24	49.80	42,610
Paper products	42.9	43.1	43.8	81.8	81.5	74.4	36.09	36.13	32.59	16,143
Printing and publishing	41.0	40.7	41.6	106.4	105.8	93.6	43.62	43.06	38.90	24,969
Rubber products	42.5	43.1	43.6	102.8	104.1	91.0	43.69	44.87	39.68	18,196
Textile products	41.8	41.7	41.9	75.7	75.2	66.2	31.64	31.36	27.74	130,688
Thread, yarn and cloth	44.6	44.3	45.0	77.9	77.1	66.5	34.74	34.16	29.93	54,020
Cotton yarn and cloth	43.4	43.4	44.6	79.3	78.1	67.1	34.42	33.90	29.93	21,133
Woolen yarn and cloth	44.1	43.7	44.1	75.9	75.6	66.4	33.47	32.99	29.28	13,369
Silk and artificial silk goods	46.6	46.1	46.1	77.9	77.3	66.4	36.30	35.64	30.61	14,785
Hosiery and knit goods	42.0	41.3	42.0	70.7	70.0	61.4	29.69	28.91	25.79	22,426
Garments and personal furnishings	38.1	38.3	38.0	74.2	73.9	66.9	28.27	28.30	25.42	41,131
Tobacco	43.3	42.8	42.1	82.0	84.4	65.8	36.51	36.12	27.70	8,848
Beverages	43.1	43.6	44.0	96.6	96.2	86.1	41.59	41.85	37.44	13,109
Distilled and malt liquor	42.5	42.8	43.6	101.0	101.4	87.9	42.93	43.40	38.32	10,784
Chemicals and allied products	43.9	44.0	43.6	95.6	95.1	85.6	41.97	41.84	37.32	24,929
Drugs and medicines	41.0	42.0	41.2	78.8	78.6	70.1	32.31	32.97	38.88	3,775
*Clay, glass and stone products	45.9	45.6	46.3	93.6	93.3	84.0	42.96	42.45	38.89	18,710
Glass products	46.0	45.7	46.4	89.1	89.0	80.5	40.99	40.67	37.35	6,040
Lime, gypsum and cement products	47.1	47.1	47.5	93.1	92.9	84.1	43.85	43.78	39.95	4,638
*Electrical apparatus	41.6	41.4	42.1	106.0	104.3	91.9	44.10	43.18	38.69	37,816
Heavy electrical apparatus 1/	46.2	43.0	42.8	117.5	115.5	97.6	54.29	49.67	41.77	9,698
*Iron and steel products	43.8	43.6	44.2	108.8	108.3	97.1	47.65	47.22	42.92	236,693
Crude, rolled and forged products	44.7	44.8	45.2	111.4	110.8	99.4	49.80	49.64	45.92	34,116
Primary iron and steel	44.6	44.6	46.1	113.2	112.4	101.1	50.49	50.13	46.61	28,074
Machinery (other than vehicles)	44.7	44.8	45.4	100.7	99.9	90.1	45.01	44.76	40.91	23,026
Agricultural implements	43.0	41.1	43.3	113.1	112.8	98.9	48.63	46.36	42.82	15,451
Land vehicles and aircraft	43.4	43.3	43.0	114.8	115.1	102.6	49.82	49.84	44.12	87,529
Railway rolling stock	45.2	44.6	43.4	111.9	112.3	95.9	50.68	50.09	41.62	41,199
Automobiles and parts	41.2	41.4	42.4	121.6	122.4	111.6	50.10	50.67	47.28	37,881
Aeroplanes and parts	44.9	44.6	43.9	101.1	100.1	92.3	45.39	44.64	40.52	7,577
Steel shipbuilding and repairing	43.1	44.2	46.5	107.1	106.2	97.7	46.16	46.50	45.43	15,303
Iron and steel fabrication n.e.s.	43.0	42.6	43.2	103.6	102.8	93.2	44.55	43.69	40.26	9,216
Hardware, tools and cutlery	43.4	43.5	43.9	95.8	95.0	85.3	41.58	41.33	37.45	10,618
Foundry and machine shop products	44.8	44.4	43.7	106.5	105.7	95.7	47.71	46.93	41.82	6,892
Sheet metal work	42.8	42.9	43.0	97.4	97.0	85.6	41.89	41.61	36.81	11,607
*Non-ferrous metal products	44.4	44.0	43.9	103.7	103.6	93.3	46.04	45.68	40.96	39,392
Preparation of non-ferrous metallic ores	44.4	43.7	43.6	116.3	116.3	103.1	51.64	50.82	45.16	11,243
Aluminum and its products	46.7	46.0	45.4	102.1	102.9	93.4	47.68	47.33	42.40	10,420
Brass and copper mfg.	42.9	42.8	43.1	100.2	99.1	89.5	42.99	42.41	38.57	9,616
Non-metallic mineral products	43.0	43.0	43.7	114.1	113.0	97.7	49.06	48.59	42.69	10,492
Petroleum and its products	42.3	41.8	42.1	122.5	121.3	104.9	51.82	50.70	44.16	6,608
Miscellaneous manufactured products	42.4	41.6	42.5	82.3	81.9	76.3	34.90	34.07	32.43	14,070
<b>MINING</b>	44.0	43.5	43.5	115.3	115.1	103.0	50.73	50.07	44.81	72,523
Coal	40.3	39.4	38.9	127.4	127.7	111.9	51.34	50.31	43.53	22,186
Metallic ores	46.0	45.3	45.7	114.2	114.1	104.4	52.53	51.69	47.71	37,761
Non-metallic minerals (except coal)	44.4	45.3	45.9	99.3	99.4	84.6	44.09	45.03	38.83	12,576
<b>LOCAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	45.6	45.2	45.4	97.6	97.6	88.4	44.41	44.12	40.13	30,774
<b>BUILDING CONSTRUCTION</b>	41.1	41.7	40.9	104.9	104.7	96.5	43.11	43.66	39.47	94,475
<b>HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION</b>	37.4	39.1	36.6	81.6	81.0	74.7	30.62	31.67	27.34	45,480
<b>SERVICES (as indicated below)</b>	42.6	41.9	42.4	61.4	61.1	56.0	26.10	25.80	23.74	36,641
Hotels and restaurants	43.0	42.2	42.9	60.9	60.7	54.7	26.19	25.62	23.47	24,781
Personal (chiefly laundries)	41.4	41.2	41.2	62.7	62.0	58.6	25.96	25.54	24.14	11,860

The industries classed in the durable manufactured industries are indicated by an asterisk.

1/ Since 1941, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has prepared current indexes of average hourly earnings of the employees of eight establishments producing heavy electrical apparatus. Based upon the hourly earnings at June 1, 1941, as 100 p.o. The latest figures are as follows:- Oct. 1, 1948, 217.5; Nov. 1, 1948, 219.2; Dec. 1, 1948, 223.0; at Dec. 1, 1947, the index was 185.2.

2/ Chiefly street and electric railways. 3/ For information respecting the sex distribution of the persons in recorded employment, see monthly bulletins on employment and payrolls.



Table 4.- Average Hours Worked and Average Hourly Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners in Specified Non-Manufacturing Industries. (Concluded).

Week of		Mining All Branches	Coal Mining	Metallic Mining	Non-Metallic Mining	Local Transportation
(a) Average Hours Worked Per Week						
Dec.	1	42.3	39.2	44.5	43.6	46.3
*Jan.	1, 1947	34.9	26.8	39.3	39.8	44.8
Feb.	1	43.3	40.1	45.6	44.1	46.8
Mar.	1	43.6	35.9	45.9	45.3	46.8
Apr.	1	43.2	38.3	44.3	45.2	45.5
May	1	43.4	38.1	44.6	45.2	45.6
June	1	40.5	30.7	44.7	44.4	44.9
July	1	42.2	37.6	44.5	43.8	45.8
Aug.	1	42.9	39.2	44.8	44.4	45.8
Sept.	1	42.5	38.6	44.2	44.8	45.5
Oct.	1	43.5	39.9	44.9	46.2	45.6
Nov.	1	42.9	38.4	44.8	45.5	44.8
Dec.	1	43.5	38.9	45.7	45.9	45.4
*Jan.	1, 1948	36.6	30.5	39.0	41.6	43.7
Feb.	1	43.8	40.0	45.4	43.9	45.4
Mar.	1	42.9	36.4	46.0	45.3	45.5
*Apr.	1	42.3	38.6	44.2	43.4	44.4
May	1	43.2	39.4	45.1	44.8	44.9
June	1	42.7	37.8	45.1	44.3	44.4
July	1	43.0	38.1	45.0	45.6	45.4
Aug.	1	42.9	39.5	44.6	43.7	45.4
Sept.	1	43.2	39.6	45.0	43.9	45.7
Oct.	1	43.4	39.0	45.4	44.7	45.2
Nov.	1	43.5	39.4	45.3	45.3	45.2
Dec.	1	44.0	40.3	46.0	44.4	45.5
(b) Average Hourly Earnings (in cents)						
Dec.	1	91.3	100.9	90.7	72.3	77.4
*Jan.	1, 1947	94.4	106.0	95.3	74.0	78.8
Feb.	1	94.0	102.3	94.1	74.1	81.1
Mar.	1	95.1	114.7	95.8	73.8	81.8
Apr.	1	95.8	113.6	96.8	75.1	82.1
May	1	96.6	114.7	97.8	75.5	82.6
June	1	96.9	112.7	97.8	76.5	83.9
July	1	98.9	109.8	101.0	77.3	84.5
Aug.	1	98.6	107.4	101.0	78.2	83.8
Sept.	1	100.6	111.1	102.6	80.2	84.8
Oct.	1	101.1	110.9	103.0	81.2	85.4
Nov.	1	101.1	110.3	103.0	82.3	87.6
Dec.	1	103.0	111.9	104.4	84.6	88.4
*Jan.	1, 1948	104.1	115.3	104.3	86.4	90.8
Feb.	1	104.5	109.9	105.9	92.8	91.2
Mar.	1	108.1	120.2	106.6	94.5	91.7
Apr.	1	110.7	124.8	108.3	95.2	92.4
May	1	111.0	126.2	108.1	94.3	92.2
June	1	110.6	126.0	108.4	93.9	93.2
July	1	111.8	124.9	111.2	94.6	94.0
Aug.	1	113.5	125.8	113.4	95.5	95.1
Sept.	1	113.9	126.7	113.7	96.6	95.9
Oct.	1	114.8	126.8	114.6	98.5	97.3
Nov.	1	115.1	127.7	114.1	99.4	97.6
Dec.	1	115.3	127.4	114.2	99.3	97.6

Table 4.- Average Hours Worked and Average Hourly Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners in Specified Non-Manufacturing Industries. (Concluded).

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Building Construction</u>	<u>Highway Construction</u>	<u>Services as Specified</u>	<u>Hotels Restaurants</u>	<u>Personal Services</u>
(a) <u>Average Hours Worked Per Week</u>					
Dec. 1,	39.5	35.6	43.0	43.6	41.8
*Jan. 1, 1947	32.8	37.7	40.9	43.0	37.2
Feb. 1	38.9	43.4	42.6	43.6	41.0
Mar. 1	40.1	46.3	43.3	44.2	41.6
Apr. 1	38.9	39.5	43.1	43.8	41.9
May 1	39.7	36.9	43.2	43.7	42.1
June 1	39.1	37.4	42.7	43.4	41.3
July 1	38.8	38.7	42.3	43.1	40.8
Aug. 1	40.5	39.1	42.5	43.6	40.4
Sept. 1	40.0	39.6	42.4	43.3	40.6
Oct. 1	40.5	38.9	42.5	43.3	40.9
Nov. 1	40.7	37.4	42.4	43.2	40.9
Dec. 1	40.9	36.6	42.4	42.9	41.2
*Jan. 1, 1948	33.8	35.6	41.2	43.1	37.6
Feb. 1	40.1	38.2	42.6	43.6	40.6
Mar. 1	41.2	39.8	43.0	43.8	41.3
*Apr. 1	37.6	36.6	43.1	44.0	41.3
May 1	40.8	35.7	42.9	43.5	41.8
June 1	38.8	37.2	42.3	43.1	40.6
July 1	40.0	38.0	41.9	42.9	39.9
Aug. 1	40.8	35.8	42.4	43.4	40.3
Sept. 1	40.9	38.3	42.1	43.0	40.3
Oct. 1	41.8	39.2	42.2	42.7	41.0
Nov. 1	41.7	39.1	41.9	42.2	41.2
Dec. 1	41.1	37.4	42.5	43.0	41.4
(b) <u>Average Hourly Earnings (in cents)</u>					
Dec. 1	86.0	67.0	50.9	50.8	51.0
Jan. 1, 1947	86.3	66.3	51.3	51.3	51.4
Feb. 1	87.6	67.3	50.9	51.0	50.7
Mar. 1	88.2	67.4	51.5	51.5	51.5
Apr. 1	88.1	69.2	51.7	51.1	52.7
May 1	89.3	71.1	52.0	51.6	52.8
June 1	90.9	71.3	52.3	51.6	53.8
July 1	90.7	71.0	53.1	52.3	54.7
Aug. 1	91.4	71.7	52.6	51.5	55.0
Sept. 1	92.9	71.5	53.5	52.2	56.2
Oct. 1	94.8	72.6	54.7	53.4	57.5
Nov. 1	95.8	74.7	55.1	53.8	58.0
Dec. 1	96.5	74.7	56.0	54.7	58.6
Jan. 1, 1948	96.6	76.0	55.8	54.4	59.1
Feb. 1	99.3	77.5	55.8	54.6	58.4
Mar. 1	99.2	80.7	56.5	55.4	59.0
Apr. 1	99.1	81.1	56.2	54.6	59.4
May 1	98.6	78.8	56.4	54.7	59.7
June 1	99.6	78.9	59.5	59.4	59.9
July 1	100.0	78.8	59.8	59.4	60.5
Aug. 1	101.6	77.5	58.4	57.7	60.1
Sept. 1	103.0	79.1	59.3	58.5	61.0
Oct. 1	104.1	80.3	60.4	59.7	62.0
Nov. 1	104.7	81.0	61.1	60.7	62.0
Dec. 1	104.9	81.6	61.4	60.9	62.7



Table 5.- Average Hours Worked and Average Hourly Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners Reported in Manufacturing as a Whole, by Provinces.

<u>Week of</u>	<u>N.S.</u>	<u>N.B.</u>	<u>Que.</u>	<u>Ont.</u>	<u>Man.</u>	<u>Sask.</u>	<u>Alta.</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
(a) <u>Average Hours Worked</u>								
Dec. 1, 1946	45.0	45.8	45.2	42.2	43.1	43.2	42.4	39.4
*Jan. 1, 1947	37.8	40.5	39.5	38.1	38.4	40.6	39.8	34.6
Feb. 1	44.8	46.1	45.0	42.3	42.8	42.3	42.6	39.8
Mar. 1	44.3	46.2	45.2	42.5	42.7	43.7	42.6	40.5
Apr. 1	44.6	46.7	45.1	42.1	43.1	43.5	43.1	40.5
May 1	44.6	46.0	45.2	42.3	42.6	43.0	42.5	39.8
June 1	43.2	45.7	44.8	41.9	42.5	42.7	42.1	40.0
July 1	45.2	45.6	42.3	41.8	42.7	42.5	42.7	39.5
Aug. 1	44.7	44.4	43.9	41.9	41.7	42.9	41.5	39.0
Sept. 1	44.2	45.4	44.4	41.4	42.3	41.2	41.9	38.1
Oct. 1	43.9	44.7	45.0	42.4	41.8	42.5	41.7	39.2
Nov. 1	44.1	45.3	45.0	42.1	42.0	42.4	41.2	38.8
Dec. 1	44.8	44.7	45.6	42.8	43.1	42.8	42.3	38.4
*Jan. 1, 1948	40.0	39.0	39.4	37.7	39.5	39.1	40.0	34.9
Feb. 1	44.8	45.9	44.3	42.1	43.1	43.0	42.7	38.7
Mar. 1	44.1	45.9	45.0	42.6	42.8	43.0	42.5	38.8
*Apr. 1	43.3	44.2	42.8	41.1	42.5	43.2	42.1	37.5
May 1	44.9	45.3	44.7	42.4	43.1	42.6	42.3	39.3
June 1	42.2	43.5	43.8	40.8	41.2	43.2	42.0	37.4
July 1	43.9	45.4	42.8	41.7	42.7	42.0	42.7	37.8
Aug. 1	44.2	44.8	43.6	41.4	42.3	41.5	41.9	37.9
Sept. 1	44.5	46.1	43.1	40.9	42.8	41.3	42.7	38.3
Oct. 1	43.6	45.7	45.0	42.3	43.1	41.9	41.6	38.9
Nov. 1	44.7	45.7	45.1	42.3	43.1	43.2	42.9	38.5
Dec. 1	44.7	45.6	45.1	42.5	43.0	43.0	42.5	39.0
(b) <u>Average Hourly Earnings (in cents).</u>								
Dec. 1, 1946	69.6	67.8	67.8	77.8	75.6	76.2	75.4	90.1
Jan. 1, 1947	71.2	70.3	69.2	79.8	77.1	76.8	76.0	91.4
Feb. 1	71.9	70.7	69.1	80.0	77.1	78.6	76.0	91.8
Mar. 1	73.6	70.3	69.5	80.7	77.3	79.1	76.9	93.0
Apr. 1	76.0	70.9	69.9	81.5	77.6	78.3	77.4	92.8
May 1	75.1	71.4	70.7	82.2	78.1	79.5	78.9	93.5
June 1	74.6	73.5	72.6	83.7	79.0	79.8	79.4	94.8
July 1	75.4	74.0	73.9	84.1	80.0	80.3	79.9	96.0
Aug. 1	75.8	74.3	73.7	85.0	80.1	82.0	79.3	98.3
Sept. 1	76.7	75.9	74.4	86.3	80.6	83.7	80.5	98.4
Oct. 1	76.0	76.3	75.8	87.4	81.5	84.3	81.9	100.3
Nov. 1	78.2	77.0	76.5	89.1	82.6	86.8	84.7	101.7
Dec. 1	77.1	77.4	77.2	90.2	83.0	87.4	84.8	103.3
Jan. 1, 1948	78.4	79.5	78.6	90.5	84.3	88.7	85.6	105.4
Feb. 1	79.3	78.0	78.9	90.6	84.1	88.4	86.7	104.8
Mar. 1	79.6	78.1	79.6	92.6	84.0	89.2	87.1	105.9
Apr. 1	81.8	80.1	80.6	93.5	85.1	89.2	88.4	106.3
May 1	82.8	80.4	80.8	94.3	85.4	89.7	88.1	106.3
June 1	85.8	83.0	82.5	96.1	90.7	92.7	92.6	108.7
July 1	85.0	83.8	84.4	96.3	90.8	92.6	92.1	108.9
Aug. 1	84.0	84.8	84.6	97.0	91.4	93.9	93.0	108.9
Sept. 1	83.7	84.2	84.8	98.2	92.1	95.2	93.4	108.8
Oct. 1	84.9	86.4	85.9	99.3	93.4	97.5	95.3	111.3
Nov. 1	84.8	86.9	86.5	100.3	93.5	98.8	96.6	114.7
Dec. 1	84.3	87.7	86.7	100.8	93.7	98.5	97.6	115.4

Table 6.- Average Hours Worked and Average Hourly Earnings of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners Reported in Manufacturing as a Whole in Indicated Cities.

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Montreal</u>	<u>Toronto</u>	<u>Hamilton</u>	<u>Winnipeg</u>	<u>Vancouver</u>
(a) <u>Average Hours Worked</u>					
Dec. 1, 1946	43.3	41.2	42.5	42.6	38.8
*Jan. 1, 1947	37.0	36.7	38.2	37.5	32.8
Feb. 1	42.9	40.6	42.8	42.2	39.0
Mar. 1	42.9	40.9	43.4	42.2	39.9
Apr. 1	43.2	40.8	42.3	42.5	40.2
May 1	43.1	40.9	42.0	42.1	39.9
June 1	42.6	40.5	42.2	42.2	39.8
July 1	40.4	40.7	41.5	42.3	39.0
Aug. 1	41.2	40.2	41.9	41.2	38.2
Sept. 1	41.9	40.1	41.4	41.7	38.2
Oct. 1	42.6	40.8	42.2	41.2	38.6
Nov. 1	43.1	40.9	41.1	41.4	38.1
Dec. 1	43.4	41.4	42.6	42.8	38.3
*Jan. 1, 1948	37.4	36.9	39.4	39.0	33.6
Feb. 1	42.5	41.0	42.4	42.6	38.5
Mar. 1	43.2	41.1	42.3	42.3	38.1
*Apr. 1	41.4	39.7	42.0	42.0	37.0
May 1	42.9	41.2	42.7	42.7	38.5
June 1	41.3	39.4	40.8	40.7	36.5
July 1	41.4	40.7	41.1	42.3	37.5
Aug. 1	42.0	40.5	42.1	42.0	36.9
Sept. 1	40.9	39.7	40.2	42.4	38.1
Oct. 1	43.3	41.1	42.1	42.6	38.3
Nov. 1	43.5	41.3	41.3	42.6	38.0
Dec. 1	43.5	41.4	42.0	42.7	38.4
(b) <u>Average Hourly Earnings (in cents)</u>					
Dec. 1, 1946	72.6	77.3	81.0	75.5	90.9
Jan. 1, 1947	74.2	79.0	83.1	76.8	91.4
Feb. 1	74.1	79.8	83.7	76.6	91.9
Mar. 1	74.7	80.6	84.4	76.7	92.7
Apr. 1	74.9	81.5	85.4	77.3	92.2
May 1	75.7	82.2	85.5	77.6	92.8
June 1	76.3	83.2	86.3	77.9	93.7
July 1	77.6	83.7	86.0	79.3	93.8
Aug. 1	77.3	84.5	87.1	79.0	95.8
Sept. 1	78.3	86.0	88.9	79.6	96.8
Oct. 1	79.9	87.7	90.3	80.4	99.5
Nov. 1	80.7	88.5	91.0	81.9	101.0
Dec. 1	81.4	89.9	93.6	82.3	101.9
Jan. 1, 1948	82.6	90.2	94.9	83.7	102.9
Feb. 1	82.8	91.6	95.6	83.3	103.3
Mar. 1	83.8	92.2	96.9	83.2	104.8
Apr. 1	84.8	93.2	97.7	84.5	105.3
May 1	85.1	94.2	102.0	84.8	105.8
June 1	87.3	96.0	102.4	90.0	106.7
July 1	88.5	95.6	102.8	90.0	106.3
Aug. 1	88.4	96.6	104.1	90.4	106.6
Sept. 1	88.9	97.3	104.4	91.2	105.9
Oct. 1	90.4	99.3	104.5	92.5	109.6
Nov. 1	91.1	99.7	105.2	92.7	113.0
Dec. 1	91.5	99.8	107.4	93.0	114.0



Table 7.- Average Weekly Wages of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners Reported by Leading Manufacturing Establishments, by Provinces.

(The latest data are subject to revision).

Week of 1944	Canada \$	N.S. \$	N.B. \$	Que. \$	Ont. \$	Man. \$	Sask. \$	Alta. \$	B.C. \$
Nov. 1	32.55	35.82	28.66	31.62	33.03	28.59	30.27	31.61	34.32
Dec. 1	32.64	35.78	30.31	31.14	33.22	30.68	30.76	32.13	35.44
1945									
*Jan. 1	27.72	28.69	25.10	26.74	27.90	27.28	26.08	29.55	31.13
Feb. 1	31.83	34.66	28.28	30.25	32.39	29.11	30.44	31.30	36.03
Mar. 1	32.11	34.44	29.41	30.69	32.61	30.26	30.60	32.14	35.95
*Apr. 1	30.69	34.30	28.74	29.16	31.01	29.24	28.62	31.36	34.90
May 1	32.08	35.31	29.28	30.66	32.08	29.72	31.23	32.12	35.87
June 1	31.14	33.08	28.67	30.25	31.38	29.33	27.50	31.70	34.28
July 1	31.05	32.94	29.25	29.25	31.55	29.67	27.78	31.36	34.65
Aug. 1	30.79	31.93	28.94	29.54	31.11	28.27	27.31	29.91	35.36
Sept. 1	30.52	31.56	28.40	29.15	30.79	29.83	28.90	30.80	34.28
Oct. 1	30.31	31.45	28.55	29.28	30.31	29.89	28.95	30.22	34.76
Nov. 1	30.31	31.50	28.58	29.30	30.36	30.26	29.39	30.65	34.42
Dec. 1	30.32	32.20	28.58	29.06	29.80	30.41	30.73	30.33	33.77
1946									
*Jan. 1	25.87	26.37	26.35	24.45	25.97	27.17	28.95	28.50	29.46
Feb. 1	30.03	31.04	29.22	28.64	30.20	30.21	29.82	30.70	34.47
Mar. 1	29.88	31.32	29.08	28.81	29.86	30.33	30.26	30.76	34.71
Apr. 1	30.37	31.65	30.18	28.92	30.72	30.64	30.08	30.49	34.14
*May 1	29.63	30.01	28.84	27.96	30.14	30.07	29.40	30.53	33.45
June 1	29.02	30.01	27.95	28.22	29.11	29.89	29.17	30.14	32.89
July 1	29.68	30.28	29.61	27.97	30.07	30.03	29.92	30.08	34.73
Aug. 1	30.10	28.92	29.59	29.10	30.20	30.03	29.73	29.96	35.05
Sept. 1	30.15	28.26	29.07	29.63	29.93	29.96	30.40	29.89	34.49
Oct. 1	30.63	28.33	30.50	29.86	30.51	30.62	31.39	30.30	35.28
Nov. 1	30.91	30.20	30.67	30.13	30.83	30.75	31.08	30.90	35.41
Dec. 1	32.18	31.32	31.05	30.65	32.83	32.58	32.92	31.97	35.50
1947									
*Jan. 1	29.07	26.91	28.67	27.33	30.40	29.61	31.18	30.25	31.62
Feb. 1	33.00	32.21	32.59	31.10	33.84	33.00	33.25	32.38	36.54
Mar. 1	33.46	32.60	32.71	31.41	34.30	33.01	34.57	32.76	37.67
Apr. 1	33.52	33.90	33.11	31.52	34.39	33.45	34.06	33.36	37.58
May 1	33.83	33.49	32.84	31.96	34.77	33.27	34.19	33.53	37.21
June 1	34.28	32.23	33.59	32.52	35.07	33.58	34.07	34.22	37.92
July 1	33.94	34.08	33.74	31.26	35.15	34.16	34.13	34.12	37.92
Aug. 1	34.55	33.88	32.99	32.35	35.62	33.40	35.18	32.91	38.34
Sept. 1	34.77	33.90	34.46	33.03	35.73	34.09	34.48	33.73	37.49
Oct. 1	35.96	33.36	34.11	34.11	37.06	34.07	35.83	34.15	39.32
Nov. 1	36.34	34.65	34.96	34.43	37.51	34.69	36.80	34.90	39.41
Dec. 1	37.24	34.54	34.60	35.20	38.61	35.77	37.41	35.87	39.67
1948									
*Jan. 1	33.17	31.36	31.72	30.97	34.12	33.30	34.68	34.24	36.78
Feb. 1	37.06	35.53	35.80	34.95	38.14	36.25	38.01	37.02	40.56
Mar. 1	38.02	35.10	35.85	35.82	39.45	35.95	38.36	37.02	41.09
*Apr. 1	37.02	35.42	35.40	34.50	38.43	36.17	38.53	37.22	39.86
May 1	38.53	37.18	36.42	36.12	39.98	36.81	38.21	37.26	41.78
June 1	38.11	36.21	36.11	36.14	39.21	37.37	40.05	38.89	40.65
July 1	38.77	37.32	38.05	36.12	40.16	38.77	38.89	39.33	41.16
Aug. 1	39.03	37.12	37.99	36.89	40.16	38.66	38.97	38.97	41.27
Sept. 1	38.95	37.25	38.82	36.55	40.16	39.42	39.32	39.88	41.67
Oct. 1	40.68	37.02	39.48	38.66	42.00	40.26	40.85	39.64	43.30
Nov. 1	41.16	37.91	39.71	39.01	42.63	40.30	42.68	41.44	44.16
Dec. 1	41.43	37.68	39.99	39.10	42.84	40.29	42.36	41.48	45.01

\* See footnote on page 2.

Table 8.- Average Weekly Wages of Hourly-Rated Wage-Earners Employed  
in Leading Manufacturing Establishments by Cities.

(The latest data are subject to revision).

<u>Week of</u>		<u>Montreal</u>	<u>Toronto</u>	<u>Hamilton</u>	<u>Winnipeg</u>	<u>Vancouver</u>
Nov.	1, 1944	\$33.16	\$31.61	\$33.73	\$28.27	\$34.29
Dec.	1	33.11	32.28	33.84	30.57	36.04
*Jan.	1, 1945	27.74	26.74	28.08	27.01	30.37
Feb.	1	32.01	30.91	33.47	28.87	36.25
Mar.	1	32.41	31.93	33.64	30.17	36.17
*Apr.	1	30.63	29.77	32.77	29.28	35.01
May	1	32.45	31.50	33.89	29.58	36.59
June	1	31.28	31.12	31.64	29.21	34.46
July	1	30.47	31.31	32.38	29.51	34.98
Aug.	1	31.01	30.55	32.59	27.97	35.87
Sept.	1	30.84	30.38	31.35	29.62	34.64
Oct.	1	30.71	29.95	31.80	29.64	35.24
Nov.	1	30.83	30.12	30.91	30.01	35.06
Dec.	1	30.84	29.79	31.29	30.80	33.95
*Jan.	1, 1946	24.80	25.92	27.16	26.94	28.50
Feb.	1	29.88	29.42	30.84	29.75	34.15
Mar.	1	30.06	29.51	30.85	29.85	33.86
Apr.	1	30.17	30.06	31.39	30.07	33.05
*May	1	28.93	29.33	30.78	29.65	32.20
June	1	29.25	28.40	29.36	29.58	31.72
July	1	28.29	29.27	30.90	29.58	33.29
Aug.	1	29.40	29.22	30.01	29.54	33.32
Sept.	1	30.34	29.55	29.98	29.54	33.24
Oct.	1	30.22	30.01	30.10	30.12	34.35
Nov.	1	31.03	30.15	31.71	30.19	34.89
Dec.	1	31.44	31.85	34.43	32.16	35.27
*Jan.	1, 1947	27.45	28.99	31.74	28.80	29.98
Feb.	1	31.79	32.40	35.82	32.33	35.84
Mar.	1	32.05	32.97	36.63	32.37	36.99
Apr.	1	32.36	33.25	36.12	32.85	37.06
May	1	32.63	33.62	35.91	32.67	37.03
June	1	32.50	33.70	36.42	32.87	37.29
July	1	31.35	34.07	35.69	33.54	36.58
Aug.	1	31.85	33.97	36.49	32.55	36.60
Sept.	1	32.81	34.49	36.80	33.19	36.98
Oct.	1	34.04	35.78	38.11	33.12	38.41
Nov.	1	34.66	36.11	37.40	33.91	38.47
Dec.	1	35.33	37.22	39.87	35.22	39.03
*Jan.	1, 1948	30.89	33.28	37.39	32.64	34.57
Feb.	1	35.19	37.53	40.53	35.49	39.77
Mar.	1	36.20	37.89	40.99	35.19	39.93
*Apr.	1	35.11	37.00	41.03	35.49	38.96
May	1	36.51	38.81	43.55	36.21	40.73
June	1	36.05	37.82	41.78	36.63	38.95
July	1	36.64	38.91	42.25	38.07	39.86
Aug.	1	37.13	39.12	43.83	37.97	39.34
Sept.	1	36.36	38.63	41.97	38.67	40.35
Oct.	1	39.14	40.81	43.99	39.41	41.98
Nov.	1	39.63	41.18	43.44	39.49	42.94
Dec.	1	39.80	41.32	45.11	39.71	43.78

\* See footnote on page 2.

Table 9.- Average Hours and Average Hourly Earnings of Wage-Earners in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec for Whom Data are Available at Dec. 1, 1948, With Comparative Figures at Oct. 1, 1948, and Nov. 1, 1947.

(The latest figures are subject to revision).

Provinces and Industries	Average Hours Per Week Reported at			Average Hourly Earnings Reported at		
	Dec. 1	Nov. 1	Dec. 1	Dec. 1	Nov. 1	Dec. 1
	1948	1948	1947	1948	1948	1947
	no.	no.	no.	¢	¢	¢
<b>NOVA SCOTIA - Manufacturing</b>	44.7	44.7	44.8	84.3	84.8	77.1
Animal products	43.5	43.8	40.7	67.8	64.7	61.5
Lumber products	42.0	42.7	45.4	57.9	57.3	57.7
Textiles	42.1	39.5	42.8	61.0	61.7	54.7
Iron and steel	45.2	45.6	45.1	101.0	101.3	92.2
Crude, rolled and forged products	46.0	46.6	45.8	104.1	104.5	92.8
Steel shipbuilding	44.2	43.6	43.5	101.4	101.2	93.9
Mining - Coal	42.3	41.2	39.7	113.3	113.6	104.8
Construction - Building	37.5	36.6	36.2	84.6	83.8	77.3
- Highway	27.9	29.3	26.0	65.8	66.2	64.8
<b>NEW BRUNSWICK - Manufacturing</b>	45.6	45.7	44.7	87.7	86.9	77.4
Rough and dressed lumber	45.9	46.4	45.4	66.2	67.1	61.7
Pulp and paper mills	48.0	47.3	49.4	113.3	113.8	98.3
Iron and steel	44.0	43.7	40.6	102.1	102.5	91.3
Construction - Building	41.2	40.5	42.3	85.6	83.8	77.9
- Highway	34.6	36.5	25.7	68.8	71.8	70.6
<b>QUEBEC - Manufacturing</b>	45.1	45.1	45.6	86.7	86.5	77.2
Leather products	41.1	40.5	39.7	66.9	67.6	61.1
Leather boots and shoes	40.6	39.9	39.6	67.4	68.4	61.4
Lumber products	47.6	49.0	49.2	70.5	69.9	61.0
Rough and dressed lumber	48.9	51.4	50.3	66.0	66.0	59.0
Plant products - edible	47.2	46.5	47.1	67.7	67.4	61.9
Pulp and paper products	48.1	48.2	48.8	102.1	102.0	91.4
Pulp and paper mills	50.1	50.0	50.8	109.0	108.6	97.0
Textiles	42.9	42.8	43.3	73.1	72.4	63.0
Cotton yarn and cloth	44.1	44.1	45.8	79.0	77.9	64.0
Silk and artificial silk goods	47.9	47.4	47.8	72.4	71.8	62.5
Hosiery and knit goods	44.8	44.1	45.7	66.4	65.7	58.2
Garments and personal furnishings	38.4	38.6	38.1	72.0	71.5	64.3
Chemicals	45.8	46.1	45.4	84.4	84.6	78.0
Electrical apparatus	39.9	39.6	41.6	104.1	102.5	90.0
Iron and steel	46.2	46.4	47.0	101.1	100.4	90.2
Machinery other than vehicles	47.7	47.6	49.7	94.7	94.0	83.2
Railway rolling stock	45.6	44.5	42.9	114.3	114.6	99.3
Aeroplanes and parts	45.8	45.8	44.5	97.5	96.4	91.7
Steel shipbuilding	45.4	48.9	52.4	101.8	99.7	94.9
Non-ferrous metal products	47.6	47.2	46.7	97.1	97.9	89.4
Aluminum and its products	48.4	47.5	36.8	104.4	105.3	96.5
Mining - Metallic ores	48.5	48.2	47.8	101.0	101.2	96.2
- Non-metallic minerals (except coal)	47.0	47.2	47.9	92.6	92.8	78.4
Street railways, cartage and storage	47.7	47.6	46.5	89.1	88.9	85.8
Construction - Building	41.7	42.2	41.4	98.0	97.8	88.6
- Highway	39.5	41.3	37.6	70.5	69.4	63.8
Services	44.8	44.4	45.6	55.0	55.6	52.2



Table 9.- Average Hours and Average Hourly Earnings of Wage-Earners in Ontario for Whom Data are Available at Dec. 1, 1948, with Comparative Figures at Nov. 1, 1948, and Dec. 1, 1947. (Continued)

Provinces and Industries	Average Hours Per Week Reported at			Average Hourly Earnings Reported at		
	Dec. 1	Nov. 1	Dec. 1	Dec. 1	Nov. 1	Dec. 1
	1948	1948	1947	1948	1948	1947
	no.	no.	no.	¢	¢	¢
ONTARIO - Manufacturing	42.5	42.3	42.8	100.8	100.3	90.2
Animal products - edible	43.3	43.5	45.7	96.1	95.4	85.2
Meat products	42.7	42.8	45.8	103.9	104.1	91.8
Leather products	41.2	40.7	41.0	81.0	81.0	75.9
Leather boots and shoes	40.9	40.5	40.7	75.4	75.4	69.6
Lumber products	42.9	42.3	43.4	81.0	80.7	73.5
Rough and dressed lumber	43.6	43.1	43.9	78.3	78.1	71.0
Furniture	42.6	41.8	42.9	85.2	84.9	78.5
Plant products - edible	42.5	41.8	40.7	75.8	75.7	70.4
Fruit and vegetable canning	43.0	41.7	39.0	74.9	73.5	67.6
Bread and bakery products	43.1	42.4	-	73.3	73.3	-
Pulp and paper mills	48.2	48.7	49.6	114.8	114.0	102.2
Paper products	42.0	41.7	43.0	86.6	86.3	79.0
Printing and publishing	40.0	39.8	40.5	109.7	108.9	95.0
Rubber products	41.4	42.7	42.5	112.9	113.4	101.4
Textiles	40.4	40.3	40.2	80.9	80.4	72.0
Cotton yarn and cloth	42.2	42.4	42.0	80.7	78.9	73.8
Woollen yarn and cloth	42.5	42.3	42.8	78.0	77.7	69.0
Hosiery and knit goods	39.8	39.3	39.3	75.6	75.0	65.4
Garments and personal furnishings	37.2	37.0	37.6	81.6	81.4	75.3
Chemicals	42.9	43.0	42.7	102.5	101.3	89.8
Drugs and medicines	39.9	40.6	39.7	81.5	81.4	72.3
Clay, glass and stone products	44.6	44.4	45.3	98.0	97.7	87.3
Electrical apparatus	42.3	42.1	42.3	107.1	105.4	92.9
Iron and steel	42.9	42.6	43.6	112.8	112.4	101.0
Crude, rolled and forged products	43.5	43.5	46.1	118.2	117.1	105.8
Machinery other than vehicles	43.3	43.5	43.6	103.6	102.8	93.6
Agricultural implements	42.8	40.9	43.1	114.9	114.6	100.4
Railway rolling stock	45.0	45.0	44.7	113.5	114.0	95.9
Automobile parts	42.4	42.3	-	112.8	110.6	-
Automobile mfg.	40.2	40.8	-	129.3	130.5	-
Steel shipbuilding	43.0	42.9	44.3	98.2	98.2	91.7
Iron and steel fabrication n.e.s.	43.4	42.6	43.5	102.9	102.3	92.7
Foundry and machine shop products	44.5	44.5	43.6	109.0	109.1	97.5
Sheet metal work	42.9	42.5	42.5	98.4	97.8	87.5
Non-ferrous metal products	43.3	42.9	43.1	104.9	104.4	93.2
Preparation of non-ferrous metallic ores	45.4	44.9	45.0	114.6	114.1	100.3
Brass and copper mfg.	41.6	41.1	41.5	106.8	105.0	95.6
Mining - Metallic ores	45.9	45.1	45.7	113.6	113.8	102.6
Street railways, cartage and storage	45.3	44.8	45.3	102.5	102.8	88.9
Construction - Building	42.7	43.5	42.1	107.3	106.5	100.1
- Highway	41.7	43.9	42.1	87.0	86.7	80.3
Services	41.4	40.7	40.5	61.7	60.9	57.0
Hotels and restaurants	42.7	41.6	41.7	60.9	60.1	55.7

Table 9.- Average Hours and Average Hourly Earnings of Wage-Earners in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia for Whom Data are Available at Dec. 1, 1948, with Comparative Figures at Nov. 1, 1948, and Dec. 1, 1947. (Concluded)

(The latest figures are subject to revision).

Provinces and Industries	Average Hours Per Week Reported at			Average Hourly Earnings Reported at		
	Dec. 1 1948	Nov. 1 1948	Dec. 1 1947	Dec. 1 1948	Nov. 1 1948	Dec. 1 1947
	no.	no.	no.	¢	¢	¢
<b>MANITOBA - Manufacturing</b>	43.0	43.1	43.1	93.7	93.5	83.0
Meat products	41.5	41.9	43.6	105.1	106.1	90.5
Plant products - edible	41.4	43.5	42.8	76.9	75.2	69.5
Garments and personal furnishings	39.2	40.3	38.4	72.2	73.4	65.9
Iron and steel	44.5	43.8	43.3	103.9	103.8	89.3
Railway rolling stock	44.3	43.6	42.5	110.7	111.2	93.5
Construction - Building	43.0	43.3	41.1	98.5	99.9	92.8
- Highway	34.8	40.9	36.5	76.0	78.9	69.8
Services	42.3	41.6	42.6	62.4	62.3	54.3
<b>SASKATCHEWAN - Manufacturing</b>	43.0	43.2	42.8	98.5	98.8	87.4
Meat products	42.8	43.2	42.3	105.4	104.9	92.0
Construction - Building	38.0	39.3	39.7	95.3	94.0	91.8
- Highway	35.8	37.4	39.0	74.4	76.6	70.2
Services	42.9	43.2	44.4	61.7	61.1	54.9
<b>ALBERTA - Manufacturing</b>	42.5	42.9	42.3	97.6	96.6	84.8
Meat products	41.6	42.2	42.9	105.8	106.5	91.6
Plant products - edible	42.9	45.2	36.9	85.9	85.1	77.3
Railway rolling stock	46.0	45.4	44.5	108.2	108.1	91.0
Mining - Coal	38.1	37.3	38.6	149.7	150.9	124.3
Construction - Building	39.6	39.8	37.1	118.7	116.7	99.0
Services	43.6	43.2	43.8	64.0	64.1	56.2
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA - Manufacturing</b>	39.0	38.5	38.4	115.4	114.7	103.3
Lumber products	36.9	36.1	36.4	118.2	118.1	107.8
Rough and dressed lumber	36.9	36.1	36.4	120.3	120.5	109.2
Plant products - edible	38.4	36.7	35.7	87.0	81.5	76.5
Fruit and vegetable canning	37.5	34.9	32.8	74.1	73.0	71.4
Pulp and paper mills	46.6	49.0	46.1	126.4	126.8	112.1
Iron and steel	39.6	38.9	38.6	122.3	121.0	109.0
Steel shipbuilding	38.4	37.2	36.6	130.3	128.5	115.1
Non-ferrous metal products	40.5	39.4	39.3	123.9	125.1	112.1
Logging	34.2	33.3	37.9	151.9	153.0	139.1
Mining - Coal	36.4	36.0	34.3	138.0	137.8	114.5
- Metallic ores	42.5	40.7	42.5	129.6	128.3	115.0
Street railways, cartage and storage	43.8	44.1	44.2	105.9	106.0	99.6
Construction - Building	35.8	37.9	38.3	132.5	134.3	121.1
- Highway	36.0	35.7	36.1	106.5	107.1	93.6
Services	39.4	38.4	38.7	75.5	73.9	66.0



Table 10.- Average Hours Per Week and Average Hourly Earnings of Wage-Earners in Certain Cities for Whom Data are Available at Dec. 1, 1948, with Comparative Figures at Nov. 1, 1948 and Dec. 1, 1947.

(The latest figures are subject to revision).

Cities and Industries	Average Hours Per Week Reported at			Average Hourly Earnings Reported at		
	Dec. 1 1948	Nov. 1 1948	Dec. 1 1947	Dec. 1 1948	Nov. 1 1948	Dec. 1 1947
	no.	no.	no.	¢	¢	¢
<u>Montreal - Manufacturing</u>	43.5	43.5	43.4	91.5	91.1	81.4
Leather products	40.7	40.5	39.9	71.5	71.2	65.0
Plant products - edible	46.9	46.5	47.1	69.8	69.7	63.7
Textiles - all branches	39.3	39.7	38.9	78.9	78.8	69.0
Tobacco	42.7	42.6	41.6	91.6	91.4	71.9
Electrical apparatus	39.4	39.1	41.5	106.8	104.8	90.7
Iron and steel	45.6	45.3	44.8	105.3	104.9	94.1
Street railways, cartage and storage	46.9	46.7	45.7	92.8	92.8	90.1
Building construction	39.6	41.0	39.9	105.6	105.8	93.7
Services	44.2	44.0	45.2	55.0	55.4	52.9
<u>Toronto - Manufacturing</u>	41.4	41.3	41.4	99.8	99.7	89.9
Plant products - edible	40.7	40.1	38.6	74.6	75.2	69.4
Paper products	40.8	40.6	41.8	85.7	85.9	76.5
Printing and publishing	39.0	38.8	38.7	117.6	117.2	102.5
Rubber products	40.2	40.7	42.0	119.4	119.8	107.0
Textiles - all branches	38.1	38.2	37.4	85.9	85.8	78.8
Chemicals	41.3	42.2	41.1	99.8	97.7	87.8
Electrical apparatus	42.5	42.4	43.3	103.3	103.9	91.2
Iron and steel	43.3	43.0	43.2	108.3	108.2	97.0
Non-ferrous metal products	41.7	41.4	41.8	102.5	102.0	93.5
Street railways, cartage and storage	43.2	42.2	43.3	110.0	111.3	92.6
Building construction	39.7	39.5	39.4	125.3	125.3	112.4
Services	40.8	40.1	39.6	65.7	65.7	62.9
<u>Hamilton - Manufacturing</u>	42.0	41.3	42.6	107.4	105.2	93.6
Textiles - all branches	40.2	40.1	40.3	81.0	80.8	70.2
Electrical apparatus	40.8	40.5	40.3	121.2	112.5	102.1
Iron and steel	42.7	41.4	44.1	116.0	114.7	102.1
Building construction	41.7	43.0	40.0	112.3	111.8	97.6
<u>Winnipeg - Manufacturing</u>	42.7	42.6	42.8	93.0	92.7	82.3
Animal products - edible	41.6	41.6	44.4	105.2	105.8	89.3
Plant products - edible	41.4	43.5	42.8	77.3	75.6	69.6
Textiles	39.7	40.4	39.0	71.2	72.4	65.1
Iron and steel	44.2	43.3	42.7	105.1	105.0	90.4
Street railways, cartage and storage	44.2	43.5	44.7	91.2	91.7	80.8
Building construction	40.3	40.8	40.6	107.9	106.6	98.2
Services	42.2	41.5	42.4	62.2	62.2	54.4
<u>Vancouver - Manufacturing</u>	38.4	38.0	38.3	114.0	113.0	101.9
Lumber products	37.1	36.5	37.4	120.2	120.1	108.6
Iron and steel	38.6	38.6	38.0	124.5	123.7	111.9
Street railways, cartage and storage	43.8	43.8	44.4	106.4	106.3	101.2
Building construction	35.6	38.4	38.6	134.8	136.6	120.2
Services	39.1	38.0	37.9	76.0	74.5	66.8



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