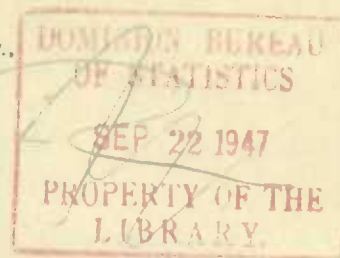


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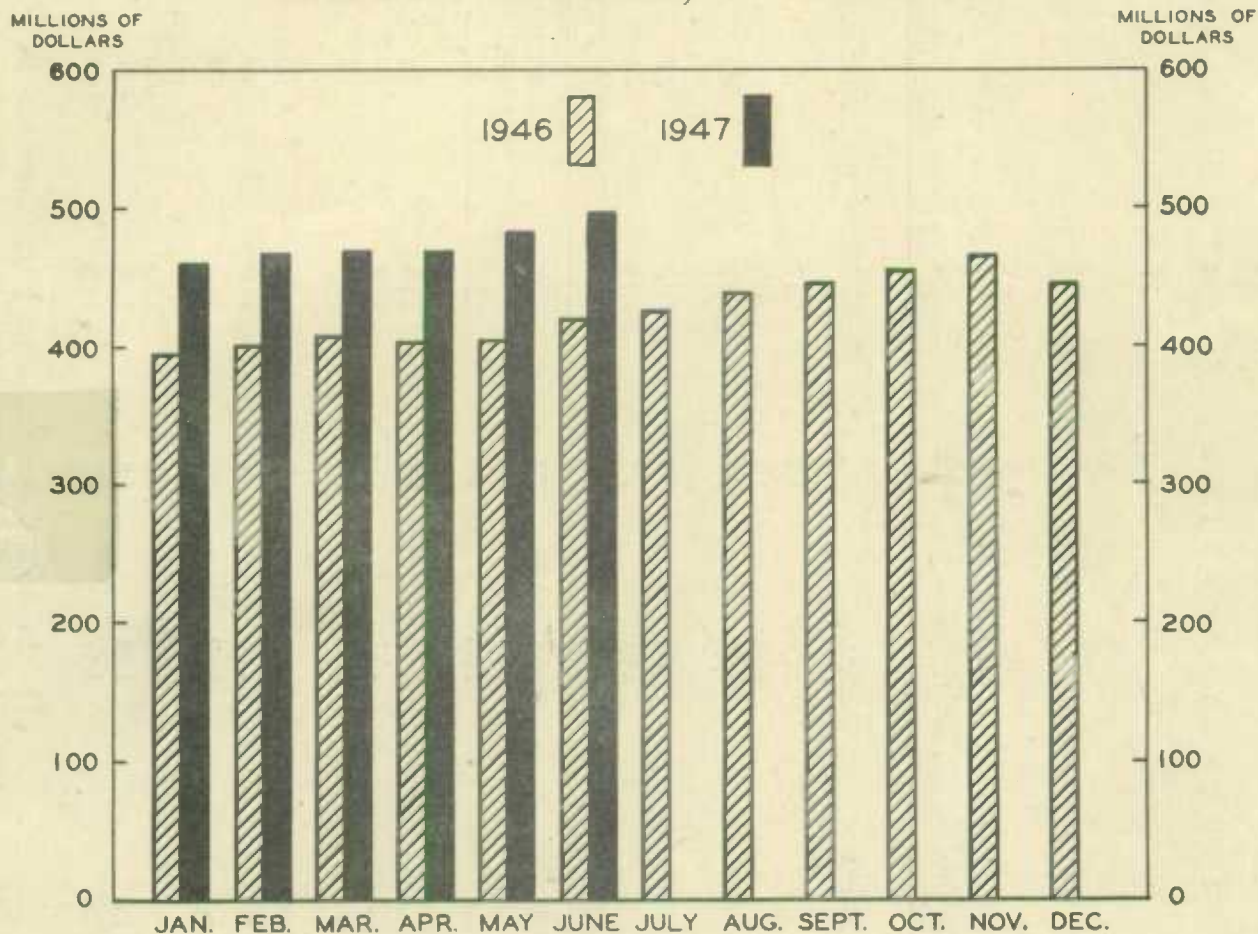
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| | | Agri- culture(1) Logging, Fishing, and Trapping | Manu- facturing Mining and Electric Power | Con- struc- tion | Trans- portation Storage Communi- cations, and Trade | Finance and Services (incl.) Gov't.) | Supple- mentary(2) Labour Income | TOTAL |
|------|-----------|--|--|------------------------|---|--|---|------------------|
| 1946 | January | 25 | 152 | 14 | 97 | 87 | 21 | 395 |
| | February | 27 | 152 | 14 | 100 | 89 | 20 | 402 |
| | March | 26 | 156 | 15 | 101 | 90 | 21 | 408 |
| | April | 22 | 154 | 16 | 102 | 89 | 20 | 404 |
| | May | 22 | 151 | 19 | 103 | 91 | 20 | 405 |
| | June | 26 | 156 | 21 | 105 | 93 | 21 | 421 |
| | July | 29 | 154 | 22 | 107 | 94 | 21 | 427 |
| | August | 33 | 157 | 23 | 109 | 96 | 22 | 439 |
| | September | 31 | 160 | 23 | 112 | 97 | 22 | 446 |
| | October | 31 | 165 | 23 | 114 | 97 | 23 | 454 |
| | November | 31 | 171 | 22 | 118 | 99 | 24 | 465 |
| | December | 32 | 157 | 17 | 117 | 99 | 23 | 446 |
| 1947 | January | 28 | 176 | 18 | 116 | 99 | 24 | 460 |
| | February | 30 | 176 | 19 | 118 | 99 | 24 | 467 |
| | March | 29 | 178 | 20 | 119 | 99 | 24 | 469 |
| | April | 24 | 180 | 22 | 120 ^x | 100 | 23 ^x | 469 ^x |
| | May | 25 | 184 | 25 | 123 | 101 | 24 | 483 |
| | June | 28 | 187 | 27 | 126 | 104 | 24 | 497 |

(1) Includes Agricultural Supplementary Labour Income

(2) Excludes Agricultural Supplementary Labour Income

(x) Revised since last publication

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JANUARY 1946 - JUNE 1947

The total of wages, salaries and supplementary labour income received by residents of Canada in June is estimated at \$ 497 million. This is \$ 14 million more than the estimate for May and \$ 76 million or 18 per cent above the estimate for June 1946.

Between June 1, 1946 and June 1, 1947 the number of paid workers employed in Canada increased by about four per cent. This indicates that the average income of wage earners has not increased as much as total labour income. In the same period the cost of living index rose by about 9 per cent, so that the rise in prices to a considerable extent offset the increase in workers' incomes.

Estimates of Labour Income include all wages, salaries and supplementary remuneration for employees' services, by months. Salaries and Wages include bonuses and commissions and are reckoned before deductions for income tax, employee contributions to unemployment insurance and employee contributions to other social security schemes. Supplementary Labour Income consists of all other employers' expenditures in cash or in kind that can be regarded as compensation for the employees' services. Examples of the latter are: employers' contributions to Unemployment Insurance; clothing and living accommodation or cash allowances for these provided by employers; and other benefits such as discounts and free insurance, etc. accruing to employees by reason of their employment.

Labour Income is a major component of "Net National Income at Factor Cost", amounting to about 56 per cent of it in 1946. The relationship between Labour Income and other items in the National Accounts in the years 1938 to 1946 can be studied in the bulletin "National Accounts, Income and Expenditure, 1938-1946", Tables I and III.

Comparison of Six Month Totals

Total labour income for the first half of 1947 is estimated at \$2,845 million. This is 17 per cent or \$ 410 million more than labour income in the same period of last year.

More than half the increase occurred in manufacturing and trade, the two groups accounting for \$219 million of the difference of \$ 410 million. On a relative basis the greatest increases occurred in logging, water transport and construction, where labour income in the first half of 1947 was from 30 to 40 per cent higher than in the first half of 1946. Agriculture showed a decrease of almost 30 per cent which was due entirely to a reduction in the number of workers. Wage rates of male farm help, as reported to the Bureau, increased from \$96.27 on May 15, 1946 to \$103.96 on May 15, 1947.



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Methods

Based on preliminary annual estimates for 1946, the monthly estimates are obtained by projection on indexes of month-to-month changes in salaries and wages in each industry and, where necessary, monthly indexes of supplementary labour income. In the major sectors the monthly indexes used are the indexes of "Aggregate Payrolls" published in the monthly D.B.S. bulletins on Employment and Payrolls. Some adjustments are made for the difference between the industrial classification employed by the annual and decennial censuses on which the annual estimates are based and that used for monthly payroll indexes. In a number of sectors where no suitable indexes of payrolls are available, data relating to changing numbers of employees from the quarterly Labour Force Survey are used in conjunction with a variety of wage rate information to provide an index of payrolls. A full description of the concepts, methods and quality of the monthly estimates is set forth in the bulletin "Wages, Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income in Canada by Months, January, 1946 to April, 1947".

Revisions and Adjustments

The monthly payroll and employment indexes on which the estimates of Labour Income are largely based are usually revised slightly after their first publication, the revised "last month" figure being published in the subsequent bulletin. Accordingly, the estimate of Labour Income is revised from month to month though the revision in the total is very slight.

Those sectors of the estimates that are dependent on projections of Labour Force Survey data will be revised on a quarterly basis, as the results of new Surveys become available.

The monthly estimates will be adjusted as annual estimates are revised, or new annual estimates become available, without however, destroying the continuity of the monthly series.
