

and wages paid during 1939-40 recorded an increase of £2,190,539. The cost of materials used in industry advanced by £9,597,226, and the total value of production increased by £14,614,400. "Added value" increased by £5,017,174.

	Year.			Index Number (1937-38 = 100).	
	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1938-39.	1939-40.
Number of establishments	5,924	6,146	6,342	104	107
Number of persons engaged	102,344	102,535	108,722	100	106
Salaries and wages paid	£20,981,587	£22,270,010	£24,460,549	106	117
Cost of materials used or operated upon	£75,084,173	£75,344,181	£84,941,407	103	113
Other expenses	£10,827,593	£10,292,526	£11,345,533	95	105
Value of production	£113,691,556	£114,447,426	£129,061,826	101	114
Added value	£38,607,383	£39,103,245	£44,120,419	101	114
Value of—					
Land and buildings	£25,573,741	£27,201,642	£28,544,177	106	112
Plant and machinery	£47,164,981	£49,296,160	£52,029,298	104	110
	£72,738,722	£76,497,802	£80,573,475	105	111

Included in the aggregate figures shown in the above table are figures relating to such industries as meat freezing, butter and cheesemaking, &c. In the following table the figures are shown as they relate to groups according to general character of industries and the nature of the operations carried on. In this way the position of the real manufacturing industries of the Dominion is more clearly indicated, as distinct from those industries closely associated with the primary industries or representing the provision of public utilities under monopoly conditions, including gasworks and electricity generation and supply.

The following table provides the basis of comparison of the classification of industries into four groups:—

Table showing for the Years 1935-36, 1936-37, 1937-38, 1938-39, and 1939-40 Figures relating to Various Industries classified into Four Groups as stated.

Year.	Persons engaged.	Salaries and Wages paid.	Cost of Materials used.	Value of Products.	Value added by Manufacture.	Land, Buildings, Plant, and Machinery.
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Group 1.

Group 1 includes industries such as meat-freezing; ham and bacon curing; butter, cheese, and condensed milk; sausage-casings, fellmongering, and woolscouring; boiling-down and manure-making.

	Number.	£	£	£	£	£
1935-36 ..	13,175	2,748,360	37,559,333	43,512,567	5,953,234	9,078,347
1936-37 ..	13,458	3,217,821	44,296,344	51,139,656	6,843,312	9,305,107
1937-38 ..	13,498	3,594,568	45,511,066	52,191,872	6,680,806	9,379,247
1938-39 ..	13,391	3,837,057	44,052,066	51,062,411	7,010,345	9,860,815
1939-40 ..	13,737	4,131,347	48,852,628	56,993,301	8,143,673	10,035,203

Group 2.

Group 2 includes industries such as gas making and supply, electricity generation and supply.

1935-36 ..	4,789	1,143,208	4,248,815	6,248,748	1,999,933	33,609,706
1936-37 ..	5,120	1,278,172	4,554,257	6,563,185	2,008,928	34,526,759
1937-38 ..	5,347	1,428,989	4,857,182	7,189,456	2,332,274	35,715,744
1938-39 ..	5,681	1,558,272	5,582,324	7,839,507	2,257,183	37,220,521
1939-40 ..	5,880	1,659,291	6,301,961	8,738,110	2,436,179	38,839,996

Group 3.

Group 3 includes such industries as fish-curing; log-sawmilling; lime crushing and burning, &c., preparations; brick, tile, and pottery making; concrete block or pipe and fibrous-plaster making; flax-milling; pumice-products.

1935-36 ..	9,965	1,823,952	1,570,068	5,340,289	3,770,221	3,774,949
1936-37 ..	11,404	2,363,626	1,864,514	6,488,431	4,623,917	3,875,066
1937-38 ..	12,014	2,763,509	2,197,525	7,424,367	5,226,842	4,083,510
1938-39 ..	11,582	2,821,706	2,401,864	7,700,379	5,298,515	4,106,289
1939-40 ..	12,440	3,159,701	2,689,624	8,600,714	5,911,090	4,195,783

Group 4.

Group 4 includes industries of a type not included in the above classifications, such as grain-milling, iron-smelting, motor engineering, &c.

1935-36 ..	58,659	9,128,847	16,526,177	34,913,144	18,350,967	20,975,877
1936-37 ..	66,419	11,473,458	19,952,960	41,750,450	21,797,490	21,890,333
1937-38 ..	71,485	13,194,521	22,518,400	46,885,861	24,367,461	23,560,221
1938-39 ..	71,881	14,052,975	23,307,927	47,845,129	24,537,202	25,310,177
1939-40 ..	76,665	15,510,210	27,097,194	54,726,701	27,629,507	27,502,493