

XII. TERTIARY INDUSTRIES

In the Section dealing with occupational distribution of the population a definition was given of tertiary industries, and some account of the importance of these industries in a progressive society. It remains in this Section, therefore, to analyse the relative importance of the various groups included within the tertiary field.

The following table shows the total number employed in the tertiary industries at various censuses from 1901 to 1936, together with an estimate for 1945 :—

Table No. 101.—Table showing the Total Number of Males and Females engaged in the Tertiary Industries at various Censuses from 1901 to 1936, and also an Estimate for 1945

Year.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1901	76,475	42,574	119,049
1906	96,270	49,841	146,111
1911	118,013	59,977	177,990
1916	123,966	67,720	191,686
1921	149,914	78,115	228,029
1926	163,127	82,140	245,267
1936	185,162	98,535	283,697
1945	166,000	155,000	321,000*

* As stated earlier, the 1945 figures are not exactly comparable.

In the following table the relative growth of tertiary industries when compared with the total occupied population and with the total population is shown by a series of index numbers :—

Table No. 102.—Table showing Index Numbers of Persons employed in Tertiary Industries, Total Occupied Persons, and Total Population, distinguishing Male and Female, at various Census Dates from 1901 to 1936, and an Estimate for 1945
(1901 = 1000)

Year.	Males.			Females.			Total.		
	Tertiary Industries.	Occupied Males.	Total Males.	Tertiary Industries.	Occupied Females.	Total Females.	Tertiary Industries.	Total Occupied Persons.	Total Population.
1901 ..	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
1906 ..	1259	1178	1160	1170	1143	1139	1219	1158	1149
1911 ..	1545	1318	1310	1409	1390	1299	1496	1332	1306
1916 ..	1620	1277	1359	1628	1545	1494	1611	1329	1424
1921 ..	1961	1488	1535	1835	1708	1628	1916	1531	1579
1926 ..	2132	1628	1691	1930	1686	1795	2061	1639	1742
1936 ..	2422	1879	1863	2312	2106	2004	2392	1923	1932
1945 ..	2156	1945	1928	3641	3221	2242	2698	2217	2077*

* As stated earlier, the 1945 figures are not exactly comparable.

The table shows in a marked fashion the development of these tertiary industries in the Dominion. Relative to the occupied males, the tertiary industries have increased to a very much greater extent, and much greater than the rate of population growth. The figures for 1945 must be treated with extreme caution. They are taken from tables calculated by the Employment Department, and are computed on a different basis from the census figures. They are included because there are no other figures available.