

industries for which 1961-65 indexes on the old basis have already been published using 1949 as base year.

The industry index numbers are derived from occupational indexes of wage rates. These are calculated on the base of average wage rates in 1961 as 100, using a system of "aggregates of weighted averages". The rates for time work and incentive earnings are combined in the calculation of the occupational index numbers.

The index numbers are based on the rates paid to certain non-office occupations in which, during the period 1963-65, a significant proportion (2 per cent or more) of all non-office employees were reported. The movement of rates for these occupations is considered to reflect changes in rates paid for all non-office occupations in the industry.

Average wage rates are calculated for each of these selected occupations within the industry for each of five regions in Canada - Atlantic Provinces, Quebec, Ontario, the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia. However, if any region contained less than 2 per cent of the industry's non-office employment, as reported to the survey over the period 1963-65, no average is calculated for that region. For each occupation, the regional average wage rate is multiplied by a percentage (weight) which is the proportion of the industry's total non-office employment found in this region over the period 1963-65. The proportion or weight for a region is held constant from year to year in order to isolate the movement of wage rates for an occupation from the