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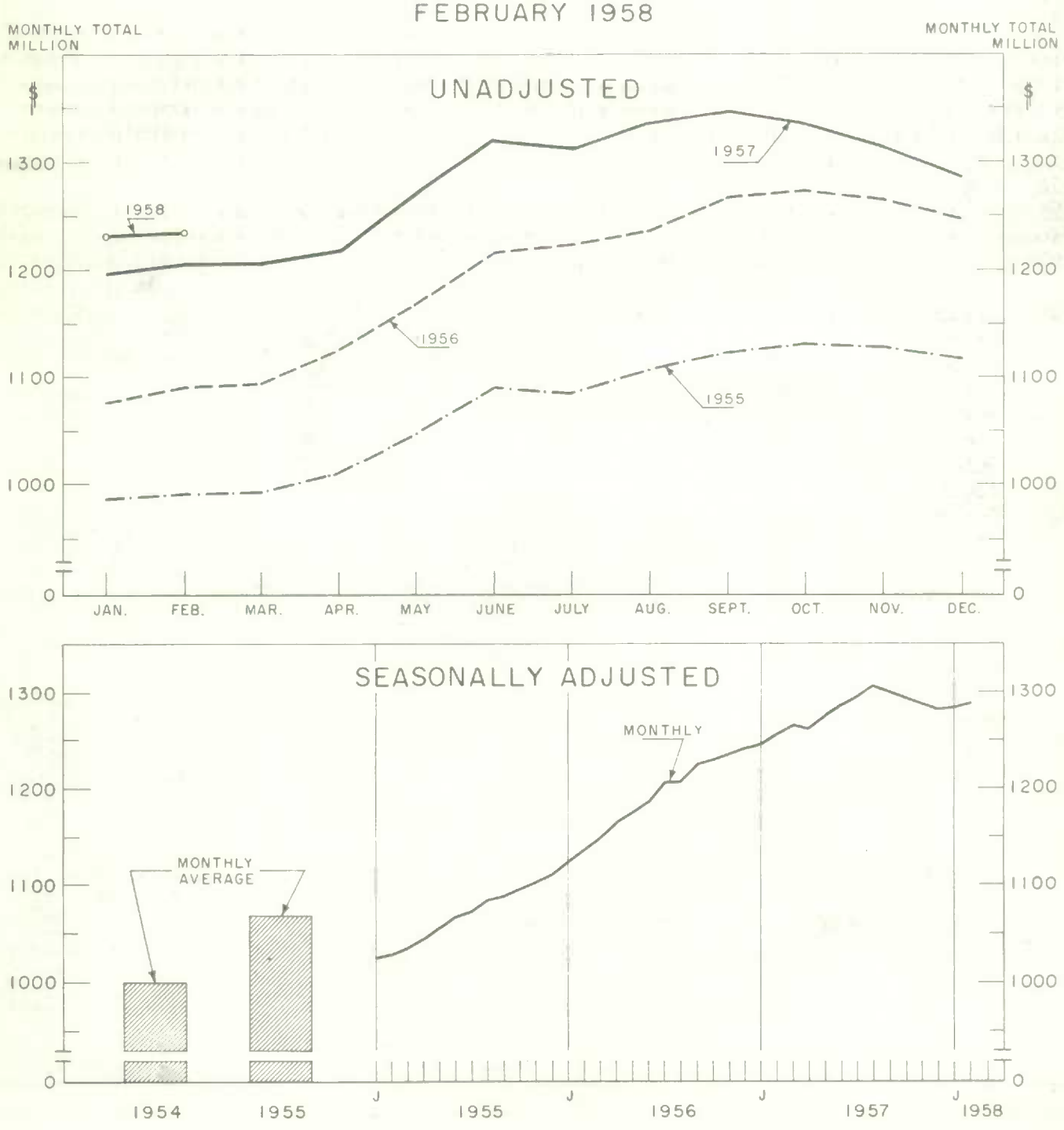

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ESTIMATES OF LABOUR INCOME
($ Millions)

	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Trapping, Mining	Manufacturing	Construction	Utilities, Transportation, Communication, Storage, Trade	Finance, Services (including Government)	Supplementary Labour Income	Total
1947	42	177	34	134	114	17	518
1948	49	203	41	154	131	19	597
x1949	49	214	47	169	147	21	647
1950	55	231	47	180	156	24	693
1951	72	272	52	208	178	28	810
1952	76	303	63	233	199	32	906
1953	73	329	70	252	217	35	976
1954	73	323	69	261	239	35	1,000
1955	77	342	78	278	256	37	1,068
1956	87	379	93	307	283	41	1,190
1957	90	397	97	335	316	44	1,279
1956 - January	75	349	71	280	263	39	1,077
February	79	358	69	282	264	38	1,090
March	70	365	70	284	266	39	1,094
April	68	371	79	291	277	40	1,126
May	78	377	92	301	281	40	1,169
June	89	381	105	311	288	41	1,215
July	95	382	105	317	281	43	1,223
August	98	382	108	319	286	43	1,236
September	99	392	110	324	299	44	1,268
October	104	394	114	324	294	43	1,273
November	98	397	101	325	300	44	1,265
December	96	397	90	327	295	43	1,248
1957 - January	87	384	76	310	298	42	1,197
February	85	389	74	316	299	42	1,205
March	77	393	73	317	302	43	1,205
April	72	393	83	324	303	43	1,218
May	85	397	97	334	313	44	1,270
June	96	405	110	343	323	45	1,322
July	101	402	109	347	308	45	1,312
August	104	403	110	347	325	46	1,335
September	103	404	114	347	331	46	1,345
October	97	401	116	345	330	46	1,335
November	89	397	104	348	332	46	1,316
December	84	396	92	343	328	45	1,288
1958 - January	78	376	82R	327R	325R	43	1,231R
February	80P	380P	78P	328P	325P	43P	1,234P

xIncludes Newfoundland, since 1949. R - revised; P - preliminary.

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February 1958

It is estimated on the basis of preliminary information that Canadian labour income totalled $1,234 million in February, up by three million dollars from the revised estimate for the previous month. This represents a 2½ p.c. gain over February 1957. Sharing in this year-over-year gain were construction (5 p.c.), the distributive group (4 p.c.), and the finance and services group (9 p.c.). The primary industries and manufacturing groups registered decreases of 6 and 2 p.c., respectively.

When allowance is made for seasonal factors the resulting "deseasonalized" labour income total is $1,288 million, higher by $5 million than the corresponding January figure.

February-to-February employment declines in some industries were apparently offset by increases in average earnings. For major non-agricultural industries the increase in average weekly earnings was about 4 p.c. The consumer price index rose by about 3 p.c. over the same twelve-month period.

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Notes on Estimates of Labour Income

Estimates of total labour income comprise all wages, salaries and supplementary remuneration for employees' services. Gross earnings—before deductions for income tax, unemployment insurance and pension contributions—are used in the calculation of total wages and salaries, which include bonuses and commissions as well as free room and board provided by the employer. Employers' contribution to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation, pensions and welfare are shown as supplementary labour income.

The monthly estimates of total wages and salaries are projections from annual estimates, mainly on indexes of aggregate payrolls for major industrial groups along with various employment and wage rate data. A constant number of working days in each month is assumed in the estimation of labour income. A detailed account of the concepts and methods is set out in the report "National Accounts, Income and Expenditure by Quarters 1947-1952" (November 1953).

The annual estimates of labour income are compiled from basic sources within the Bureau and from other reports of governments and business. Labour income constituted 62 per cent of net national income at factor cost in 1956. The relationships between labour income and other items of the national accounts are shown in the bulletin "National Accounts, Income and Expenditure, 1950-1956" (May 1957).

Seasonally Adjusted Estimates of Labour Income
($ Millions)

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
January	983	1,025	1,123	1,247	1,283R
February	988	1,029	1,137	1,256	1,288P
March	988	1,036	1,149	1,266	
April	988	1,044	1,166	1,263	
May	987	1,056	1,175	1,274	
June	994	1,068	1,186	1,285	
July	1,005	1,072	1,207	1,295	
August	1,000	1,084	1,208	1,305	
September	1,007	1,088	1,225	1,300	
October	1,012	1,095	1,230	1,292	
November	1,016	1,103	1,236	1,288	
December	1,026	1,110	1,242	1,282	

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The figures included in this bulletin supersede those in earlier issues, and those for the most recent years are subject to further minor revisions as new source materials become available. In addition, the most recent monthly figures are preliminary and subject to revision in the next issue.

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