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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AT NOV. 1, 1948.

(These data are subject to revision).

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The preliminary results of the tabulation of the monthly statistics of employment in leading establishments in the main industrial divisions[1/] showed continued though slight improvement in the situation at Nov. 1. The advance index then stood at 203.5, as compared with 203.3 at Oct. 1, 1948, and 197.8 at Nov. 1, 1947. The increase of 2.9 p.c. in the latter comparison was accompanied by that of 14.7 p.c. in the index number of payrolls.

Gains as compared with a month earlier were noted in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba. These were generally moderate; the advance of 1.8 p.c. in New Brunswick was most noteworthy. The trend of employment in the remaining provinces was downward, there being losses of 1.8 p.c. in Saskatchewan, 0.6 p.c. in Alberta, and 1.5 p.c. in British Columbia.

The fractional rise in the advance index number of employment in Canada at Nov. 1 as compared with the first of October was accompanied by an increase of 0.8 p.c. in the index number of weekly salaries and wages. The latest figure of payrolls was the highest in the period for which data are available. The advance figure of average weekly earnings in the eight major industrial groups stood at $42.12, exceeding the previous maximum of $41.80 at Oct. 1, 1948, and that of $37.79 indicated at Nov. 1, 1947.

The advance index number of employment in manufacturing was 208.1 at Nov. 1, as compared with 210.0 at the beginning of October, and 205.1 at Nov. 1 of 1947. The decline of 0.9 p.c. in the month was accompanied by an increase of 0.1 p.c. in the weekly salaries and wages disbursed by the manufacturers whose statistics were tabulated at the date under review. The per capita earnings of their employees then stood at $43.26, as compared with $42.85 at Oct. 1, 1948, and $38.52 at Nov. 1, 1947. The latest figure is the highest in the record of over 7½ years.

1/ See footnote on page 2.

Advance Indexes[1] of Employment at Nov. 1, with Comparisons as at Oct. 1, 1948 and Nov. 1, 1947.

(1926=100)

Area	Nov. 1, 1948	Oct. 1, 1948	Nov. 1, 1947
Prince Edward Island	161.1	164.6	160.4
Nova Scotia	206.0	205.7	201.4
New Brunswick	181.1	178.0	184.3
Quebec	207.1	205.8	203.7
Ontario	208.4	208.3	202.2
Manitoba	168.4	167.3	160.7
Saskatchewan	168.1	171.1	168.0
Alberta	206.2	207.5	185.9
British Columbia	211.5	214.8	203.1
Canada - Eight Leading Industries	203.5	203.3	197.8
Canada - Manufacturing	208.1	210.0	205.1

[1] The above data are based on the advance tabulation of statistics received from establishments usually employing 15 persons and over in the following major industrial divisions: manufacturing, logging, mining, communications, transportation, construction and maintenance, trade and certain service groups, mainly hotels, restaurants and laundries and dry-cleaning plants. The figures are subject to change, as a result of the arrival of revised or delayed returns during the period of tabulation. The monthly bulletin giving in some detail the latest statistics of employment, payrolls and average earnings will be issued some days hence.

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