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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AT APR. 1, 1948.  
(These data are subject to revision).

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Employment in the major industrial divisions showed continued curtailment at the first of April, according to the preliminary tabulation of the returns for that date. On the 1926 average as 100, the advance index in the eight leading industries was 186.5, as compared with 187.9 at Mar. 1, and 180.7 at Apr. 1, 1947.

Substantial reductions in employment as compared with a month earlier were reported in New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario, in which there were important seasonal contractions in logging operations. On the whole, there were moderate increases in the four western provinces. The changes in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were slight.

Partly due to losses in working time during the Easter holidays, and partly as a result of declining employment, there was a falling-off in the index of payrolls at Apr. 1, when the advance figure was 2.4 p.c. below that at Mar. 1, 1948, although it was higher by 12.8 p.c. than at Apr. 1, 1947. The average weekly earnings of the salaried employees and wage-earners employed by leading establishments amounted to \$39.51 at Apr. 1, as compared with \$39.49 at Mar. 1, 1948, and \$35.73 at Apr. 1, 1947.

In manufacturing, the advance index of employment, at 201.8, was lower by 0.4 p.c. than at Mar. 1, but exceeded by 3.4 p.c. the figure recorded at Apr. 1 of last year. The loss in employment in the former comparison was accompanied by a relatively greater reduction in the salaries and wages, largely due to the observance of the Easter holidays; the advance payroll index showed a decline of 1.9 p.c. in the month, but was higher by 14 p.c. than at Apr. 1, 1947. The advance per capita earnings in manufacturing stood at \$39.58, as compared with \$40.23 at Mar. 1, and \$35.98 at Apr. 1, 1947. The two most recent figures are the highest in the record.

Advance Indexes of Employment at Apr. 1, with Comparisons as at  
Mar. 1, 1948, and Apr. 1, 1947. (1926=100).

<u>Area</u>	<u>Apr. 1, 1948</u>	<u>Mar. 1, 1948</u>	<u>Apr. 1, 1947</u>
Prince Edward Island	163.7	171.2	127.4
Nova Scotia	169.1	169.0	138.2
New Brunswick	160.2	173.4	174.4
Quebec	187.4	193.3	185.8
Ontario	197.8	199.3	189.9
Manitoba	151.1	150.6	149.1
Saskatchewan	148.6	147.7	145.5
Alberta	180.2	177.2	171.1
British Columbia	190.5	188.1	183.6
Canada - Eight Leading Industries	186.5	188.9	180.7
Canada - Manufacturing	201.8	202.6	195.2

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NOTE: 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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