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

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Preliminary results of the tabulation of the monthly statistics of employment and payrolls in leading establishments in the major industrial groups<sup>1/</sup> at the beginning of June show considerable expansion in activity in all provinces except New Brunswick, where no change on the whole was reported, although the distribution of employment differed from that indicated at May 1. The advance index number of employment in Canada, based on 1926 as 100, stood at 191.7, as compared with 186.5 at May 1, 1948, and 184.5 at June 1, 1947. The most recent figure is the highest in the record for the early summer. Improvement was reported in logging, mainly as a result of the river driving operations in New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario. Manufacturing, construction and other industries also afforded more employment. In most cases, the changes reported at June 1 were seasonal in character.

The advance index number of payrolls rose by 1.8 p.c. as compared with May 1. Partly as a result of working time lost on the Victoria Day holiday and partly as a result of changes in the industrial distribution of the employees reported, however, the advance figure of per capita weekly earnings in the eight leading industries was lower, falling from \$39.70 at May 1, to \$39.31 at June 1. The latest average was only twice exceeded in the seven years for which data are available, namely by the figures for May 1 and Mar. 1, 1948. At June 1, 1947, the per capita figure stood at \$36.00.

The advance index of employment in manufacturing was 203.4, as compared with 201.8 at May 1, 1948, and 197.6 at June 1 of last year. The index number of factory payrolls, however, was fractionally lower, falling in the month by 0.4 p.c. As compared with June 1, 1947, on the other hand, there was a rise of 13.3 p.c. The advance figure of average weekly earnings in manufacturing at June 1 was \$40.28, as compared with \$40.78 at May 1, 1948, and \$36.64 at June 1 of last summer.

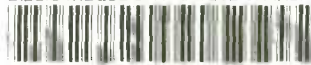
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