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

(These data are subject to revision).

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The advance tabulation of the monthly statistics of employment and payrolls in leading establishments in the major industrial groups^{1/} at the first of July shows continued, important increases in all provinces. The reported gains ranged from two p.c. in Nova Scotia to 5.3 p.c. in New Brunswick and Alberta. The general index number of employment in Canada, based on 1926 as 100, was 197.0, as compared with 192.3 at June 1, 1948, and 189.5 at July 1, 1947. The latest index is the maximum in the record for the beginning of July. The highest figure for that date during the war was 183.7 in 1943. Manufacturing, construction and other industries showed heightened activity at the beginning of July. For the most part, the industrial changes indicated were seasonal in character.

There was an increase of 3.6 p.c. in the advance general index number of payrolls as compared with June. The advance figure of per capita weekly earnings of employees reported in the eight leading industries stood at \$40.49, as compared with \$40.02 at June 1, and \$36.15 at July 1, 1947. The latest average is the peak figure in the record of just over seven years. Adjustment in the rates paid railway employees and workers in other industries, contributed to an important extent to the higher figure at the beginning of July.

The advance index of employment in manufacturing was 207.1, as compared with 203.6 at June 1, 1948, and 200.6 at July 1 of last year. The index number of payrolls in these industries was higher by 3.2 p.c. than at June 1, and exceeded by 16.6 p.c. the July 1, 1947, figure. The advance per capita weekly earnings of persons employed in leading factories at July 1 stood at \$41.20, as compared with \$40.63 at June 1, 1948, and \$36.47 at the beginning of July in 1947.

^{1/} See footnote on page 2.

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Advance Indexes^{1/} of Employment at July 1, with Comparisons as at
June 1, 1948, and July 1, 1947.
(1926=100)

<u>Area</u>	<u>July 1, 1948</u>	<u>June 1, 1948</u>	<u>July 1, 1947</u>
Prince Edward Island	161.1	153.7	150.9
Nova Scotia	178.1	174.6	186.3
New Brunswick	180.1	171.0	172.2
Quebec	198.5	194.4	191.2
Ontario	204.2	200.0	195.7
Manitoba	162.3	155.8	155.7
Saskatchewan	165.5	161.0	162.5
Alberta	201.1	190.9	187.8
British Columbia	206.8	202.0	196.9
Canada - Eight Leading Industries	197.0	192.3	189.5
Canada - Manufacturing	207.1	203.6	200.6

^{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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