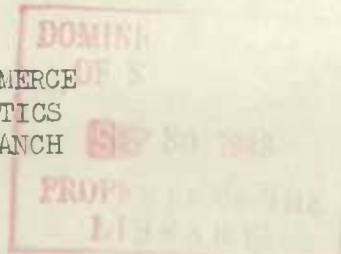


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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AT AUG. 1, 1948.

(These data are subject to revision).

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The advance tabulation of the results of the monthly survey of employment and payrolls in leading establishments in the principal industrial groups^{1/} at the first of August shows a further upward movement in all provinces except Ontario. The increases in the reported staffs varied from one p.c. in Saskatchewan to 3.7 p.c. in Quebec, while the decline in Ontario amounted to 0.6 p.c. Based on the 1926 average as 100, the Dominion index number of employment reached a new all-time high level, standing at 200.7, as compared with 198.0 at July 1, 1948, and 192.6 at Aug. 1, 1947, previously the peak figure for mid-summer. During the war, the maximum index for Aug. 1 was 185.9, in 1943. Construction and certain other non-manufacturing industries reported decidedly greater activity at the beginning of August of the present year. Manufacturing, however, was generally quieter than at July 1.

The advance index number of payrolls at Aug. 1 showed a gain of 1.8 p.c. as compared with July 1. The advance figure of per capita weekly earnings of persons employed by leading firms in the eight major industrial divisions stood at \$40.66, a new high in the record dating from June 1, 1941. The figure at July 1, 1948, was \$40.48, and that at Aug. 1, 1947, \$36.53.

In manufacturing, the advance index of employment declined from 207.2 at July 1, to 206.2 at the beginning of August, as compared with 202.5 at Aug. 1 of last year. On the other hand, the latest index number of payrolls in these industries rose by 0.2 p.c. from July 1, and was higher by 14.3 p.c. than at Aug. 1, 1947. The advance figure of per capita weekly earnings of persons employed in leading factories at the date under review was \$41.46, as compared with \$41.17 at July 1, 1948, and \$36.97 at the beginning of August in 1947.

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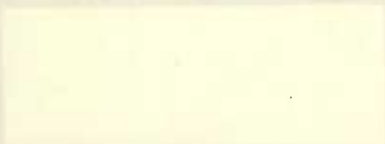
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Advance Indexes^{1/} of Employment at Aug. 1, with Comparisons as at
July 1, 1948, and Aug. 1, 1947.

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<u>Area</u>	<u>Aug. 1, 1948</u>	<u>July 1, 1948</u>	<u>Aug. 1, 1947</u>
Prince Edward Island	161.4	159.7	157.0
Nova Scotia	196.8	192.9	188.2
New Brunswick	184.1	180.5	180.1
Quebec	205.9	198.6	195.0
Ontario	203.5	204.8	196.7
Manitoba	165.8	163.1	159.1
Saskatchewan	168.6	166.9	167.5
Alberta	205.0	201.2	194.8
British Columbia	212.0	207.8	204.2
Canada - Eight Leading Industries	200.7	198.0	192.6
Canada - Manufacturing	206.2	207.2	202.5

^{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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