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

(These data are subject to revision).

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The advance tabulation of the monthly returns on employment made by leading firms in the major industrial divisions^{1/} showed continued though slight improvement in the general situation at Sept. 1. The trend as compared with a month earlier was favourable in six of the provinces, the exceptions being New Brunswick, Quebec and Saskatchewan. In the other areas, the gains in the indicated staffs ranged from 0.1 p.c. in Nova Scotia, to 1.2 p.c. in Alberta and 1.4 p.c. in British Columbia. Based on the 1926 average as 100, the general index number of employment rose from 200.8 at Aug. 1, the 201.2 at the beginning of September, as compared with 193.2 at Sept. 1, 1947, previously the peak figure for the time of year.

Accompanying the small increase in the number of persons employed by representative industrial establishments was a rise of 0.7 p.c. in their disbursements in weekly salaries and wages as compared with a month earlier. The latest index number of payrolls, which was the highest in the record, was 15.9 p.c. above that at Sept. 1, 1947. The advance figure of average weekly earnings in the eight principal industrial groups was \$40.88, as compared with \$40.66 at Aug. 1, 1948, and \$36.76 at Sept. 1 of last year. The most recent per capita figure was also the highest in the period for which data are available.

The advance index number of employment in manufacturing stood at 209.0 at Sept. 1, as compared with 206.3 at the first of August, and 203.3 at Sept. 1, 1947. The weekly salaries and wages disbursed by the reporting factories increased by 1.3 p.c. in the month. At \$41.47, the Sept. 1, 1948, figure of per capita weekly earnings differed little from that of \$41.45 at Aug. 1, but considerably exceeded the Sept. 1, 1947, average of \$37.16, previously the maximum for the early autumn.

^{1/} See footnote on page 2.

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

(1926=100)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Sept. 1, 1948</u>	<u>Aug. 1, 1948</u>	<u>Sept. 1, 1947</u>
Prince Edward Island	165.3	161.4	159.2
Nova Scotia	197.0	196.8	191.7
New Brunswick	177.6	183.0	177.3
Quebec	204.3	206.1	196.1
Ontario	205.0	203.3	196.4
Manitoba	166.4	165.9	158.5
Saskatchewan	169.4	169.7	168.0
Alberta	209.2	206.7	195.4
British Columbia	215.5	212.6	207.5
Canada - Eight Leading Industries	201.2	200.8	193.2
Canada - Manufacturing	209.0	206.3	203.3

^{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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