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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AT JAN. 1, 1949.

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Employment in the major industrial divisions showed a pronounced decline at Jan. 1, in accordance with the movement invariably indicated at that date in the years since 1920. The advance index number of employment stood at 197.3, as compared with 204.3 at Dec. 1, 1948. This reduction of 3.4 p.c. exceeded that indicated at Jan. 1, 1948, but the index number was then 1.9 p.c. below the latest figure, which was the highest in the record for the time of year.

Reduced industrial activity was indicated in all provinces. The losses from Dec. 1 ranged from that of 1.8 p.c. in Ontario and 2.7 p.c. in Alberta, to 5.2 p.c. in Saskatchewan and 6.2 p.c. in British Columbia, where unfavourable weather was an important factor. The index numbers of employment in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta were higher than at Jan. 1, 1948, but those in the remaining provinces were lower. Except in New Brunswick, the declines were slight. In that province, there was a reduction of 5.8 p.c. in the year. Industrially, there was widespread curtailment in employment. The losses in construction and manufacturing were particularly noteworthy.

The reported salaries and wages were lower by 6.1 p.c. in the holiday week of Jan. 1, than in the week of Dec. 1, 1948. As compared with Jan. 1, 1948, however there was a gain of 15.2 p.c. in the latest index number of weekly payrolls. The advance figure of average weekly carnings in the eight major industrial groups at the beginning of January, 1949, was \$41.03, as compared with the all-time high of \$42.23 indicated a month earlier. The Jan. 1, 1948, figure was \$36.28.

The advance index of employment in manufacturing in Canada at Jan. 1 was 202.8, a decline of 2.4 p.c. from the Dec. 1 index of 207.9. The figure at the beginning of January of last year was 199.9. The disbursements in weekly salaries and wages in the larger manufacturing establishments showed the reduction usual in the holiday week, falling by 5.6 p.c. as compared with Dec. 1. The index number of payrolls, however, was 18.1 p.c. higher than at Jan. 1, 1948. The earnings of persons employed by the larger manufacturing establishments at Jan. 1, 1949, averaged \$42.32, as compared with \$43.71 at Dec. 1, 1948, and \$36.31 at Jan. 1, 1948.

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Advance Indexes of Employment at Jan. 1, with Comparisons as at Dec. 1, 1948 and Jan. 1, 1948.

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Araa	Jan. 1, 1949	Dec. 1, 1948	Jan. 1, 1948
Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia New Brunswick Quebec Ontario Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta British Columbia	151.8 203.1 177.3 198.4 206.6 161.4 158.4 201.9	156.2 209.9 184.9 207.5 210.4 169.3 167.0 207.6 206.1	152.2 178.4 188.2 196.8 202.7 156.3 159.0 186.0 194.0
Canada - Eight Leading Industries Canada - Manufacturing	197.3	204.3	193.7

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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