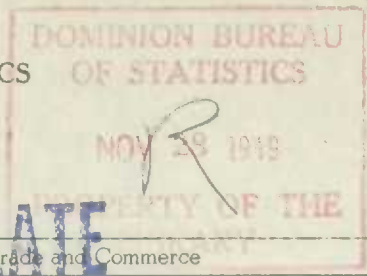


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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS  
AT OCT. 1, 1949.

(These data are subject to revision).

The advance compilation of the results of the monthly survey of employment and payrolls in representative establishments in the leading industrial divisions<sup>1/</sup> shows little general change in the level of activity at Oct. 1, when the general index of employment fell by a small fraction as compared with Sept. 1. The latest figure on the 1926 base, was 202.0, as compared with 202.1 at Sept. 1, 1949, and 203.3 at Oct. 1, 1948. A decrease in the index at the beginning of October as compared with a month earlier is contra-seasonal in the experience of the years since 1920, in only nine of which the trend at Oct. 1 has been downward.

Moderate improvement as compared with Sept. 1 was reported in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan at the first of October; on the whole, the situation indicated in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick was practically unchanged, while the movement was generally unfavourable in the remaining provinces. The most noteworthy advances were those of 0.4 p.c. in Ontario, 0.7 p.c. in Saskatchewan, and 0.9 p.c. in Manitoba. In the provinces in which curtailment was reported, the largest losses were those of 2.4 p.c. in Alberta and 1.3 p.c. in British Columbia.

The minor decline in the month in the advance index number of employment at the first of October was accompanied by a gain of 0.7 p.c. in the average index number of payrolls, which exceeded by 3.7 p.c. the figure recorded at Oct. 1, 1948. The latest index was the highest in the period of 2 1/2 years in which monthly statistics of weekly salaries and wages have been collected.

The advance figure of average weekly earnings in the eight major industrial groups also reached a new maximum, standing at \$43.60, as compared with \$43.28 at Sept. 1, 1949, and \$41.80 at Oct. 1 of last year.

In manufacturing as a whole, the advance index number of employment was 208.5 at Oct. 1, as compared with 209.2 at the beginning of September, and 210.0 at Oct. 1, 1948, when the peak figure for 1948 was recorded. This decrease of 0.3 p.c. in the month was accompanied by a rise of 1.1 p.c. in the weekly salaries and wages disbursed by the factories from which data were received at the date under review, in which the situation in preceding weeks had been affected by vacations and other factors. The per capita earnings of their employees at the date under review stood at \$44.82, as compared with \$44.20 in the week of Sept. 1, 1949, and \$42.85 in that of Oct. 1, 1948. The latest average is the highest yet recorded in manufacturing as a whole.

<sup>1/</sup> See footnote on page 2.

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Advance Indexes<sup>1/</sup> of Employment at Oct. 1, with Comparisons as at  
Sept. 1, 1949 and Oct. 1, 1948.

(1926=100)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Oct. 1, 1949</u>	<u>Sept. 1, 1949</u>	<u>Oct. 1, 1948</u>
Prince Edward Island	165.6	165.3	164.6
Nova Scotia	204.2	205.7	205.7
New Brunswick	172.2	172.1	178.0
Quebec	199.6	199.5	205.8
Ontario	209.1	208.3	208.3
Manitoba	173.4	171.7	167.3
Saskatchewan	171.0	169.9	171.1
Alberta	214.6	220.0	207.5
British Columbia	212.2	215.1	214.8
Canada - Eight Leading Industries	202.0	202.1	203.3
Canada - Manufacturing	208.5	209.2	210.0

<sup>1/</sup>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 and 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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