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

(These data are subject to revision).

The preliminary results of the tabulation of the monthly statistics of employment in leading establishments in the main industrial divisions^{1/} showed continued, though slight curtailment in activity at Nov. 1. The advance index then stood at 201.9, as compared with 202.2 at Oct. 1, 1949, and 203.6 at Nov. 1, 1948. The reduction of 0.2 p.c. in the general figure^{2/} as compared with the first of October was accompanied by an increase of 0.4 p.c. in the index number of weekly salaries and wages, which was the highest on record. The advance figure of average weekly earnings in the eight major industrial groups stood at \$43.78, exceeding the previous maximum average of \$43.55 at Oct. 1, 1949, and that of \$42.15 indicated at Nov. 1, 1948.

Improvement in employment as compared with a month earlier was noted in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Saskatchewan, where the gains were moderate; the advance of 0.9 p.c. in Quebec was most noteworthy. The trend of employment in the remaining provinces was downward, there being losses of 1.3 p.c. in Nova Scotia, 0.4 p.c. in Ontario, 0.2 p.c. in Manitoba, 1.1 p.c. in Alberta, and 1.6 p.c. in British Columbia.

The advance index number of employment in manufacturing was 206.5 at Nov. 1, as compared with 208.6 at the beginning of October, and 208.3 at Nov. 1 of 1948. The decline of one p.c. in the month was accompanied by a decrease of 0.5 p.c. in the weekly salaries and wages disbursed by the manufacturers whose statistics were tabulated at the date under review. The per capita earnings of their employees then stood at \$45.07, as compared with \$44.84 at Oct. 1, 1949, and \$43.38 at Nov. 1, 1948. The latest figure is the highest in the record of over 8½ years.

^{1/}See footnote on page 2.

^{2/}This does not include statistics for Newfoundland.

Advance Indexes^{1/} of Employment at Nov. 1, with Comparisons as at
 Oct. 1, 1949 and Nov. 1, 1948.

(1926=100)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Nov. 1, 1949</u>	<u>Oct. 1, 1949</u>	<u>Nov. 1, 1948</u>
Prince Edward Island	168.4	165.9	160.4
Nova Scotia	206.1	208.8	207.7
New Brunswick	172.3	172.0	180.8
Quebec	201.3	199.5	207.1
Ontario	208.4	209.2	208.6
Manitoba	173.3	173.6	168.6
Saskatchewan	171.2	170.8	167.9
Alberta	211.9	214.3	206.1
British Columbia	196.4	199.6	212.2
Canada - Eight Leading Industries	201.9	202.2	203.6
Canada - Manufacturing	206.5	208.6	208.3

^{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 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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