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

(These data are subject to revision).

A preliminary tabulation of the monthly statistics of employment in leading establishments in the principal industrial divisions^{1/} shows a further small decline in industrial activity at Dec. 1, when the advance index, on the 1926 base, stood at 201.5, as compared with 202.0 at Nov. 1, 1949. Seasonal expansion was recorded in trade and logging, but the trend was unfavourable in manufacturing, construction and some other classes.

The movement was upward in the three Maritime Provinces; little general change was indicated in Alberta, while curtailment was reported in the remaining provinces^{2/}. The most noteworthy decline amounting to 2.6 p.c., was in British Columbia, where manufacturing, logging and some other divisions released considerable numbers of employees. Among the provinces showing improvement, the increase of 5.6 p.c. in New Brunswick was largest; activity in logging, trade and highway construction contributed to the gain in that province.

The reported salaries and wages were lower by 0.2 p.c. in the week of Dec. 1, than in that of Nov. 1, 1949. As compared with Dec. 1, 1948, however, there was a rise of 2.5 p.c. in the latest index number of weekly payrolls, accompanying a decrease of 1.4 p.c. in the general index of employment in the 12 months.

The advance figure of average weekly earnings in the eight major industrial groups at Dec. 1 was \$43.82, showing little change from the previous all-time high of \$43.80 indicated a month earlier. The Dec. 1, 1948, figure was \$42.23.

In manufacturing, the advance index number of employment in Canada declined by 1.1 p.c. from Nov. 1 to 204.2 at Dec. 1, when it showed its third recession in as many months. The latest figure was 1.8 p.c. lower than at the beginning of December, 1948. The disbursements in weekly salaries and wages in these industries also declined as compared with Nov. 1, 1949, being 0.5 p.c. lower; on the other hand, they exceeded by two p.c. the figure recorded in the week of Dec. 1, 1948. The per capita earnings of salaried employees and wage-earners employed by the larger manufacturing establishments stood at \$45.36 at Dec. 1, 1949, as compared with \$45.10 a month earlier, and \$43.72 at Dec. 1, 1948. The latest figure is the highest in the record.

1/ See footnote on page 2.

2/ Exclusive of Newfoundland, for which statistics are not yet available.

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(These are the results of the examination.)

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

(1926=100)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Dec. 1, 1949</u>	<u>Nov. 1, 1949</u>	<u>Dec. 1, 1948</u>
Prince Edward Island	171.4	165.0	156.2
Nova Scotia	207.8	206.1	209.9
New Brunswick	176.9	167.5	184.9
Quebec	201.5	202.0	207.5
Ontario	208.5	208.6	210.4
Manitoba	170.4	173.1	169.3
Saskatchewan	171.2	171.8	167.0
Alberta	212.4	212.3	207.6
British Columbia	203.3	208.7	206.1
Canada - Eight Leading Industries	201.5	202.0	204.3
Canada - Manufacturing	204.2	206.5	207.9

^{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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