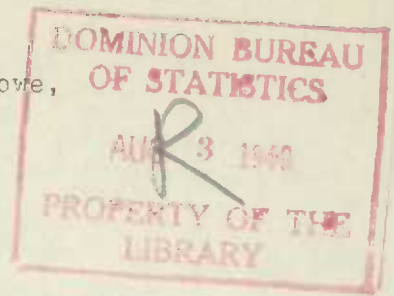


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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AT JUNE 1, 1949

(These data are subject to revision).

Preliminary results of the tabulation of the monthly statistics of employment and payrolls in leading establishments in the major industrial groups^{1/} at the beginning of June show considerable seasonal expansion in activity in all provinces. The reported increases ranged from 3.3 p.c. in Nova Scotia and 1.2 p.c. in Ontario, to 4.4 p.c. in Quebec, 7.8 p.c. in Saskatchewan and 8.3 p.c., in Prince Edward Island. The advance index number of employment in Canada, based on 1926 as 100, showed a rise of 2.8 p.c. in the month, standing at 194.4, as compared with 189.1 at May 1, 1949. The June 1, 1948, index was 192.3. The figures for June 1 of this year and last year are the highest in the record for the early summer.

Fairly general improvement was reported in logging, in which river drives in New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario contributed to the advance. Manufacturing, construction and other divisions also afforded more employment in most areas. The changes reported in the various industries at June 1 were largely seasonal in character.

The advance index number of payrolls in Canada rose by 0.7 p.c. as compared with May 1. Reflecting losses in working time on the Victoria and Ascension Day holidays, changes in the industrial distribution of the employees reported, and reduced working hours in some industries, the advance figure of per capita weekly earnings in the eight leading industries was lower, falling from \$43.18 at May 1, to \$42.31 at June 1. Twelve months earlier, the average was \$40.02. The recent figure was the highest in the record for June 1, and was exceeded only by the averages of \$43.27, \$43.35 and \$43.18 indicated in the present year at Mar. 1, Apr. 1, and May 1, respectively.

The advance index of employment in manufacturing was 204.9, as compared with 203.3 at May 1, 1949, and 203.6 at June 1 of last year. The index number of factory payrolls was lower, falling in the month by 1.8 p.c. As compared with June 1, 1948, on the other hand, there was a rise of 7.2 p.c. The advance figure of average weekly earnings in manufacturing at June 1 was \$43.29, as compared with \$44.43 at May 1, 1949, and \$40.63 at June 1, 1948.

^{1/} See footnote on page 2.

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

(1926=100)

<u>Area</u>	<u>June 1, 1949</u>	<u>May 1, 1949</u>	<u>June 1, 1948</u>
Prince Edward Island	151.5	139.8	153.7
Nova Scotia	176.4	170.7	174.6
New Brunswick	160.0	155.2	171.0
Quebec	194.6	186.4	194.4
Ontario	202.4	200.1	200.0
Manitoba	163.8	159.9	157.8
Saskatchewan	164.9	153.0	161.0
Alberta	205.4	198.0	190.9
British Columbia	204.0	196.9	202.0
Canada - Eight Leading Industries	194.4	189.1	192.3
Canada - Manufacturing	204.9	203.3	203.6

^{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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