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

(These data are subject to revision).

The advance tabulation of the results of the monthly survey of employment and payrolls in leading establishments in the principal industrial groups 1/at the first of August shows an upward movement in all provinces except New Brunswick and Ontario, where there were declines of 3.5 p.c. and 0.6 p.c., respectively, as compared with July 1. The increases in the remaining provinces varied from 0.2 p.c. in Quebec and 0.6 p.c. in Nova Scotia, to 2.6 p.c. in Alberta and 3.1 p.c. in Prince Edward Island. The general gain throughout the Dominion was very slight, the index number of employment standing at 199.0 on the 1926 base, as compared with 198.9 at July 1, 1949. At Aug. 1, 1948, when activity was at a peak for midsummer, the index was 200.9. The decline in the most recent figure in the latter comparison is slight, amounting only to 0.9 p.c., but is noteworthy because it is the first reduction in a 12 months' comparison to be reported in a lengthy period. The latest preliminary figure, however, is higher than at the same date in 1947 or any preceding summer. Construction and certain other non-manufacturing industries reported greater activity at the beginning of August of the present year, but manufacturing was generally quieter at July 1.

The advance index number of payrolls at Aug. 1 showed a rise of 0.3 p.c. as compared with July 1, and was 5.6 p.c. above the level indicated a year ago. The advance figure of per capita weekly salaries and wages of persons employed by leading firms in the eight major industrial divisions was \$43.06, the highest in the record for the beginning of August. The average at July 1, 1949, was \$42.98, and that at Aug. 1, 1948, \$40.66.

In manufacturing, the advance index of employment declined from 207.4 at July 1, to 205.9 at the first of August, as compared with 206.5 at Aug. 1 of last year. The latest index number of payrolls in these industries fell by 0.8 p.c. from July 1, but was higher by 7.1 p.c. than at Aug. 1, 1948. The advance figure of per capita weekly earnings of salaried employees and wage-earners on the staffs of leading factories at the date under review was \$44.07, as compared with \$44.09 at July 1, 1949, and \$41.45 at the beginning of August of last year.

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(1926=100)

Area	Aug. 1, 1949	July 1, 1949	Aug. 1, 1948
Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia New Brunswick Quebec Ontario Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta British Columbia	157.7 183.5 170.4 198.4 205.3 170.5 169.1 217.7 211.7	152.8 182.5 176.6 198.0 206.4 168.0 167.3 212.2 209.1	161.4 196.8 183.0 206.3 203.3 165.9 169.7 206.7 212.6
Canada - Eight Leading Industries	199.0	198.9	200.9
Canada - Manufacturing	205.9	207.4	206.5

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 drycleaning 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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