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

(These data are subject to revision).

The preliminary tabulation of the results of the monthly survey on employment and payrolls in leading establishments in the eight major industrial divisions<sup>1/</sup> shows an increase of 0.7 p.c. in the number of employees reported at the first of September as compared with the number on staff a month earlier. The trend in employment was favourable in all but three provinces. In New Brunswick and Quebec employment fell by 0.1 p.c. and in Saskatchewan by 0.3 p.c. from the Aug. 1 levels. The other areas showed gains ranging from 4.9 p.c. in Prince Edward Island and 1.2 p.c. in Nova Scotia and Ontario to 0.3 p.c. in Manitoba. The general index number of employment, based on the 1926 average as 100, stood at 201 at Sept. 1, 1949, as compared with 199.7 a month earlier and 201.8 at Sept. 1, 1948. The slight advance over the Aug. 1 level reflects a customary seasonal improvement in employment which was most important in the manufacturing division.

Accompanying the small increase in the number of persons employed was a rise of 1.2 p.c. in the amounts paid in salaries and wages as compared with those reported a month earlier. The advance figure of average weekly earnings in the eight principal industrial groups amounted to \$43.27 at Sept. 1, 1949. At Aug. 1, the figure was \$43.05 and at Sept. 1, 1948, it was \$40.86. The payroll index increased by 1.2 p.c. above the Aug. 1 level and 5.7 p.c. above that reported at the beginning of September a year ago.

The preliminary index number of employment in manufacturing rose to 208.8, an increase of 1.2 p.c. over the Aug. 1 index of 206.4 but it was lower than that of 209.5 recorded for Sept. 1, 1948. The average weekly salaries and wages in manufacturing establishments amounted to \$44.26 at Sept. 1 as compared with \$44.04 a month earlier and \$41.46 at Sept. 1, 1948, indicating an increase of 0.5 p.c. in earnings levels in the month and of 6.8 p.c. in the 12-month period.

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

(1926=100)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Sept.1, 1949</u>	<u>Aug. 1, 1949</u>	<u>Sept.1, 1948</u>
Prince Edward Island	165.3	157.6	165.3
Nova Scotia	187.5	185.3	198.8
New Brunswick	171.6	171.7	178.2
Quebec	199.2	199.4	205.1
Ontario	207.9	205.5	205.4
Manitoba	171.3	170.7	166.6
Saskatchewan	169.2	169.7	169.4
Alberta	219.8	218.6	209.4
British Columbia	214.7	212.6	216.2
Canada - Eight Leading Industries	201.0	199.7	201.8
Canada - Manufacturing	208.8	206.4	209.5

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<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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