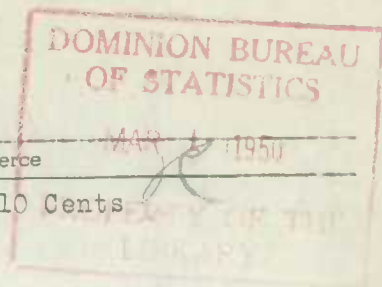


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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS
AT JAN. 1, 1950.

(These data are subject to revision).

Employment in the major industrial divisions^{1/} throughout Canada showed an important falling-off at Jan. 1, in accordance with the movement invariably indicated at that date in the years since 1920. The advance index number of employment stood at 194.2, as compared with 201.8 at Dec. 1, 1949. This reduction of 3.8 p.c. rather exceeded that indicated at Jan. 1, 1949, when the index number, (a maximum for the time of year), was 0.9 p.c. above the latest figure.

Reduced industrial activity was indicated in all provinces^{2/}. The losses from Dec. 1 ranged from 1.8 p.c. in Ontario and 2.1 p.c. in New Brunswick, to 7.9 p.c. in Prince Edward Island, and 13.4 p.c. in Nova Scotia. The index numbers of employment in New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario were rather lower than at Jan. 1, 1949, but in the remaining provinces, industrial employment continued at a slightly higher level. Industrially, there was widespread curtailment in activity. In all provinces, the losses in construction and manufacturing were particularly important.

The reported salaries and wages were lower by 6.9 p.c. in the holiday week of Jan. 1, than in the week of Dec. 1, 1949. As compared with Jan. 1, 1949, however, there was a gain of 2.3 p.c. in the latest index number of weekly payrolls. The advance figure of average weekly earnings in the eight major industrial groups at the beginning of January, 1950, was \$42.38, as compared with the all-time high of \$43.81 indicated a month earlier. The Jan. 1, 1949, figure was \$41.10. The latest average also exceeded that noted at Jan. 1 in any earlier year of the record.

The advance index of employment in manufacturing in Canada at Jan. 1 was 199.9, a decline of 2.2 p.c. from Dec. 1; as compared with the beginning of January of last year, there was a decrease of 1.4 p.c. The disbursements in weekly salaries and wages in the larger manufacturing establishments showed the reduction usual in the holiday week, falling by 3.7 p.c. as compared with Dec. 1. This loss was considerably smaller than that reported at Jan. 1, 1949, when the index number of payrolls was 1.8 p.c. below the most recent figure. The earnings of persons employed by the larger manufacturing establishments at Jan. 1, 1950, averaged \$43.65, as compared with \$45.38 at Dec. 1, 1949, and \$42.28 at Jan. 1, 1949.

^{1/}See footnote on page 2. ^{2/} Statistics are not yet available for Newfoundland.

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Advance Indexes^{1/} of Employment at Jan. 1, 1950 with Comparisons as at
Dec. 1 and Jan. 1, 1949.

(1926=100)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Jan. 1, 1950</u>	<u>Dec. 1, 1949</u>	<u>Jan. 1, 1949</u>
Prince Edward Island	157.9	171.4	151.8
Nova Scotia	180.2	208.0	178.2
New Brunswick	173.0	176.6	177.6
Quebec	191.4	201.9	198.2
Ontario	205.0	208.7	206.1
Manitoba	165.7	172.0	162.4
Saskatchewan	160.8	170.8	158.0
Alberta	208.0	212.4	201.8
British Columbia	193.7	203.2	192.4
Canada - Eight Leading Industries	194.2	201.8	196.0
Canada - Manufacturing	199.9	204.5	202.7

^{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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