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

(These data are subject to revision).

The preliminary results of the tabulation of the monthly statistics of employment in leading establishments in the main industrial divisions^{1/} showed continued though slight improvement at Nov. 1. The advance index was 0.3 p.c. higher than at Oct. 1, 1950, and 4.2 p.c. above its level at Nov. 1, 1949. The sums disbursed in weekly wages and salaries rose by 1.1 p.c. in the month, and were 10.4 p.c. higher than at the first of November in 1949. The advance figure of average weekly earnings in the eight major industrial groups stood at \$46.39, exceeding the previous maximum average of \$46.00 at Oct. 1, 1950, and the per capita earnings of \$43.80 indicated at Nov. 1, 1949.

Heightened industrial activity as compared with a month earlier was noted in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The gain of 0.9 p.c. in Quebec was most noteworthy. The trend of employment in the remaining provinces was downward, there being losses as follows in the advance index^{numbers} of employment: Prince Edward Island, 3.7 p.c.; Nova Scotia, 0.7 p.c.; New Brunswick, 2.0 p.c.; Alberta, 0.8 p.c., and British Columbia, 1.9 p.c.

The advance index number of employment in manufacturing at Nov. 1 was 0.2 p.c. lower than at the beginning of October, but exceeded the Nov. 1, 1949, figure by 4.3 p.c. The decline in the month, which was seasonal, was accompanied by a gain of 1.0 p.c. in the weekly wages and salaries disbursed by the manufacturers whose statistics were tabulated at the date under review. The per capita earnings of their employees then stood at \$48.03, as compared with \$47.57 at Oct. 1, 1950, and \$45.10 at Nov. 1, 1949. The latest figure is the highest in the record of over 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ years.

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

(1926=100)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Nov. 1, 1950</u>	<u>Oct. 1, 1950</u>	<u>Nov. 1, 1949</u>
Prince Edward Island	191.6	199.1	165.0
Nova Scotia	192.9	194.3	206.1
New Brunswick	179.9	183.5	167.5
Quebec	210.0	208.1	202.0
Ontario	221.2	219.7	208.6
Manitoba	174.2	173.5	173.1
Saskatchewan	175.7	174.3	171.8
Alberta	222.6	224.3	212.3
British Columbia	213.8	218.0	208.7
Canada - Eight Leading Industries	210.5	209.9	202.0
Canada - Manufacturing	215.4	215.9	206.5

^{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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