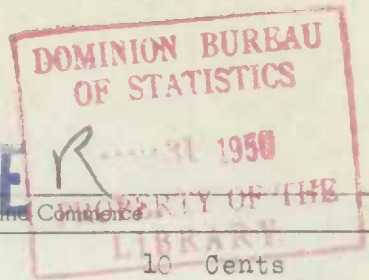




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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS  
AT APR. 1, 1950.

(These data are subject to revision).

Employment in the major non-agricultural industries<sup>1/</sup> showed moderate improvement at the first of April, according to a preliminary tabulation of the results of the monthly survey. On the 1926 base as 100, the advance index in the eight leading industries was 187.6; this was 0.6 p.c. higher than the Mar. 1 index, and was the same as at Apr. 1, 1949, when curtailment from the preceding month had been indicated. The increase at the date under review, which reverses the downward trend shown since the beginning of October, was contra-seasonal in character.

Heightened industrial activity<sup>2/</sup> as compared with a month earlier was reported in all provinces except Ontario and Manitoba; practically no change was shown in the latter, while the loss in Ontario was small. The increases in employment elsewhere indicated varied from 0.4 p.c. in Quebec and 0.5 p.c. in New Brunswick, to 3.8 p.c. in British Columbia and 4.4 p.c. in Prince Edward Island.

Accompanying a rise of 0.6 p.c. as compared with Mar. 1 in the working forces of the larger industrial establishments throughout Canada, was a gain of 0.9 p.c. in their aggregate weekly salaries and wages. As compared with Apr. 1, 1949, there was an increase of 2.7 p.c. in the advance index of payrolls. The average weekly earnings at the date under review reached a new high, standing at \$44.88, as compared with \$44.74 a month earlier, and \$43.35 at Apr. 1 of last spring.

On the whole, there was improvement in the situation in manufacturing and in many of the principal non-manufacturing classes with the exception of logging, in which there was a seasonal decline in employment. In manufacturing, the advance index of employment, at 200.2, was somewhat higher than that of 199.7 at Mar. 1, but was slightly lower than the index of 203.0 recorded at Apr. 1, 1949. The weekly disbursements of the larger factories in salaries and wages rose by 1.0 p.c. in the month, and by 1.3 p.c. as compared with a year ago. The advance figure of per capita weekly earnings in manufacturing stood at \$46.19, as compared with \$45.85 at Mar. 1, and \$44.54 at Apr. 1, 1949. The most recent figure is the highest in the record.

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

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Advance Indexes <sup>1/</sup> of Employment at Apr. 1, 1950, with Comparisons as at Mar. 1 and Apr. 1, 1949.

(1926=100)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Apr. 1, 1950</u>	<u>Mar. 1, 1950</u>	<u>Apr. 1, 1949</u>
Prince Edward Island	147.9	141.6	163.0
Nova Scotia	167.1	165.3	173.1
New Brunswick	160.7	159.8	160.5
Quebec	184.6	183.8	184.8
Ontario	200.2	200.3	200.2
Manitoba	157.3	157.3	155.4
Saskatchewan	146.1	144.8	146.8
Alberta	200.1	198.3	194.6
British Columbia	188.6	181.7	188.8
Canada - Eight Leading Industries	187.6	186.5	187.6
Canada - Manufacturing	200.2	199.7	203.0

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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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