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

(These data are subject to revision).

Preliminary results of the tabulation of the monthly statistics of employment and payrolls in leading establishments in the major industrial groups<sup>1/</sup> at the beginning of June show considerable seasonal expansion in activity in all provinces<sup>2/</sup>. The reported increases ranged from 1.6 p.c. in Manitoba and three p.c. in Ontario, to over 10 p.c. in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan. The advance index number of employment in Canada, based on 1926 as 100, showed a rise of 3.9 p.c. in the month, standing at 196.1, as compared with 188.8 at May 1, 1950. The June 1, 1949, index was 194.5. The latest figure is the highest for June 1 in the record.

Fairly general expansion from May 1 was reported in manufacturing, transportation, communications, construction and maintenance, services and trade. The gains in construction were particularly large. Logging afforded more employment except in the Prairie Provinces; river-driving operations in Eastern Canada resulted in the re-employment of many workers. Moderate improvement was recorded in mining except in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan.

The advance index number of payrolls in Canada rose by 3.0 p.c. as compared with May 1. Reflecting some losses in working time on the Victoria Day holiday, changes in the industrial distribution of the employees reported, and reduced working hours in some industries, the advance figure of per capita weekly earnings in the eight leading industries was lower, falling from \$44.99 at May 1, to \$44.61 at June 1. Twelve months earlier, the average was \$42.32. The recent figure was the highest in the record for June 1, and was exceeded only by the averages of \$44.74, \$44.88 and \$44.99 indicated in the present year at Mar. 1, Apr. 1 and May 1, respectively.

The advance index number of employment in manufacturing was 203.9, as compared with 200.8 at May 1, 1950, and 205.1 at June 1 of last year. The index number of factory payrolls rose by one p.c. in the month. As compared with June 1, 1949, there was a rise of 5.8 p.c. in the disbursements in weekly salaries and wages. The advance figure of average weekly earnings in manufacturing at June 1 was \$46.12, as compared with \$46.34 at May 1, 1950, and \$43.31 at June 1, 1949.

1/ See footnote on page 2.

2/ Data for Newfoundland are not yet available.

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

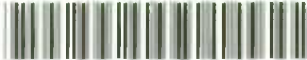
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<u>Area</u>	<u>June 1, 1950</u>	<u>May 1, 1950</u>	<u>June 1, 1949</u>
Prince Edward Island	167.3	150.9	151.2
Nova Scotia	179.3	162.5	176.4
New Brunswick	167.7	155.4	160.7
Quebec	192.3	185.4	194.6
Ontario	206.9	201.0	202.4
Manitoba	161.1	158.4	163.7
Saskatchewan	165.1	149.5	165.1
Alberta	213.4	203.3	206.3
British Columbia	203.0	195.4	204.7
Canada - Eight Leading Industries	196.1	188.8	194.5
Canada - Manufacturing	203.9	200.8	205.1

<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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