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

(These data are subject to revision).

The advance tabulation of the results of the monthly survey of employment and payrolls in leading establishments in the principal industrial groups^{1/} at the first of August shows an upward movement in all provinces except New Brunswick, where a decline of 3.9 p.c. was recorded as compared with July 1. The increases in the remaining provinces varied from 0.2 p.c. in Ontario and 0.8 p.c. in Manitoba, to 2.9 p.c. in British Columbia and 4.3 p.c. in Prince Edward Island. Although the general gain throughout the Dominion was moderate, it sufficed to bring employment to a higher level than at Aug. 1 in any other year. The index number of employment, on the 1926 base, stood at 204.1, as compared with 202.3 at July 1, 1950, and 200.5 at Aug. 1, 1949. Previously, the peak figure for midsummer was that of 200.9 at Aug. 1, 1948.

Greater activity was reported in manufacturing, and in transportation, construction and certain other non-manufacturing industries as compared with July 1. Trade was generally quiet, there being rather small seasonal declines in employment in most provinces.

The advance index number of payrolls at Aug. 1 showed a rise of 1.1 p.c. as compared with July 1, and was 7.2 p.c. above the level indicated a year ago. The advance figure of per capita weekly wages and salaries of persons employed by leading firms in the eight major industrial divisions was \$45.26, the highest in the record for the beginning of August. The average at July 1, 1950, was \$45.13, and that at Aug. 1, 1949, \$43.01.

In manufacturing, the advance index of employment rose from 208.0 at July 1, to 209.3 at the first of August, as compared with 206.4 at Aug. 1 of last year. The latest index number of payrolls in these industries increased by 0.7 p.c. from July 1, and was higher by 7.7 p.c. than at Aug. 1, 1949. The advance figure of per capita weekly earnings of wage-earners and salaried employees on the staffs of leading factories at the date under review was \$46.78, as compared with \$46.73 at July 1, 1950, and \$44.04 at the beginning of August of last year.

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

(1926=100)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Aug. 1, 1950</u>	<u>July 1, 1950</u>	<u>Aug. 1, 1949</u>
Prince Edward Island	187.3	179.5	157.6
Nova Scotia	190.4	186.7	203.8
New Brunswick	176.8	183.9	171.7
Quebec	200.5	198.2	199.4
Ontario	212.7	212.3	205.5
Manitoba	171.2	169.8	170.7
Saskatchewan	172.7	169.4	169.7
Alberta	228.2	222.6	218.6
British Columbia	214.4	208.4	212.6
Canada - Eight Leading Industries	204.1	202.3	200.5
Canada - Manufacturing	209.3	208.0	206.4

^{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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