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

(These data are subject to revision).

Preliminary statistics from the monthly survey of employment and payrolls in leading establishments in the major industries¹ at Sept. 1 show moderate increases in the number of employees reported in all provinces as compared with a month earlier. The general gain in Canada amounted to 0.8 p.c. On the 1926 base as 100, the latest index, at 206.0, was the highest in the record, exceeding the Sept. 1, 1949, figure by 1.9 p.c. In the 12 months' comparison, there was improvement in eight of the nine older provinces. Nova Scotia was the exception, showing a decline of 6.3 p.c.; data for Newfoundland are available only from the end of 1949.

Employment in manufacturing showed considerable improvement, there being expansion in the vegetable food, textile, metal-using and many other divisions of the industry. The preliminary index of factory employment was the highest indicated since Apr. 1, 1945. Fairly large gains were reported in logging, and there were slight increases in several other groups. On the other hand, many workers in certain departments of the railways, laid off as a result of the dispute, had not been reinstated by the date of the latest survey.

Accompanying the general rise of 0.8 p.c. reported in employment was a decrease of 1.5 p.c. in the weekly payrolls distributed on or about the first of September, for services rendered in the last week in August, due to losses directly or indirectly resulting from the railway strike. The average weekly earnings fell by \$1.00, to \$44.26 at Sept. 1, 1950, when the figure was nevertheless higher than at the same date a year earlier. In manufacturing, there was a loss of 0.5 p.c. in the weekly wages and salaries reported as compared with Aug. 1, while the per capita earnings, at \$46.27, were 47 cents less. The latest average, however, showed an increase of \$2.07 as compared with Sept. 1, 1949.

¹/ See footnote on page 2.

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

(1926=100)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Sept.1, 1950</u>	<u>Aug. 1, 1950</u>	<u>Sept.1, 1949</u>
Prince Edward Island	199.1	188.2	165.3
Nova Scotia	192.8	190.9	205.7
New Brunswick	179.6	179.0	172.1
Quebec	201.8	200.6	199.5
Ontario	214.9	212.8	208.3
Manitoba	172.9	172.8	171.3
Saskatchewan	173.9	173.1	169.9
Alberta	228.9	228.6	220.0
British Columbia	217.3	215.0	215.1
Canada - Eight Leading Industries	206.0	204.4	202.1
Canada - Manufacturing	212.2	209.4	209.2

^{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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