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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,
OCTOBER, 1951.

(These data are subject to revision).

The advance compilation of the results of the monthly survey of employment and payrolls in representative establishments in the leading industrial divisions^{1/} shows a further small increase in activity at Oct. 1, when the general index of employment rose by 0.5 p.c. from Sept. 1. The latest figure, on the 1939 base, reached a new maximum, at 186.0, as compared with 185.1 at Sept. 1, 1951, and 177.1 at Oct. 1, 1950. The increase in the month approximated the average for the beginning of October in the experience of a lengthy period.

Improvement as compared with Sept. 1 was reported in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. The gains ranged from 0.5 p.c. in Nova Scotia, to 1.2 p.c. in British Columbia and 1.3^{p.c.} in Quebec. The trend in the remaining provinces was unfavourable; there were declines of 1.2 p.c., 1.5 p.c. and 2.1 p.c. in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively.

The expansion in industrial employment generally at the first of October was accompanied by a gain of 2.2 p.c. in the advance index number of payrolls; higher wage rates and the settlement of important industrial disputes contributed to the general increase. Firms in all provinces except Prince Edward Island and Manitoba reported higher expenditures in weekly wages and salaries. The latest payroll figure was 18 p.c. above the Oct. 1, 1950, index, and was the highest in the record. The advance figure of average weekly earnings in the major industrial groups also reached a new maximum, standing at \$51.52, as compared with \$50.66 at Sept. 1, 1951, and \$45.88 at Oct. 1 of last year.

In manufacturing as a whole, the advance index number of employment at Oct. 1 was 193.9, as compared with 194.1 at the beginning of September, and 185.6 at Oct. 1, 1950. The loss of 0.1 p.c. in the month was accompanied by a rise of 1.6 p.c. in the weekly wages and salaries disbursed by the co-operating factories. The most recent figure of per capita earnings stood at \$53.26, as compared with \$52.37 a month earlier, and \$47.27 at Oct. 1, 1950. The latest average in manufacturing is a peak figure.

^{1/}See footnote on page 2.



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Advance Index Numbers^{1/} of Employment and Payrolls at Oct. 1, 1951, with Indexes
for the Preceding Month and a Year Ago.

(1939=100)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Employment</u>			<u>Payrolls</u>		
	Oct.1, 1951	Sept.1, 1951	Oct.1, 1950	Oct.1, 1951	Sept.1, 1951	Oct.1, 1950
Prince Edward Island	188.6	192.4	196.9	362.9	365.9	342.3
Nova Scotia	158.6	157.3	152.8	323.1	313.2	282.2
New Brunswick	183.5	182.3	179.9	406.3	394.2	353.9
Quebec	175.4	173.2	164.0	406.3	396.1	338.7
Ontario	194.8	194.1	185.8	426.8	417.8	361.4
Manitoba	178.3	180.4	174.8	348.0	348.7	307.0
Saskatchewan	155.5	157.8	150.4	310.1	310.0	274.0
Alberta	214.5	219.0	197.5	443.7	441.3	363.0
British Columbia	201.2	198.9	194.6	424.8	412.1	368.2
Canada - Composite Index	186.0	185.1	177.1	408.9	400.2	346.6
Canada - Manufacturing	193.9	194.1	185.6	453.3	446.1	385.1

^{1/}The above data are based on an advance tabulation of statistics received from establishments usually employing 15 persons and over, in the following major industrial divisions: logging, mining, manufacturing, construction, transportation, storage and communication, public utility operation, trade, finance, insurance and real estate, and service, mainly hotels, restaurants, laundries, dry cleaning plants, business and recreational services.

The monthly bulletin giving detailed statistics of employment, payrolls and average earnings will be issued some days hence.