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**NE PAS PRÊTER**ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,  
DECEMBER 1, 1951.

(These data are subject to revision)

A preliminary tabulation of the monthly statistics of employment in the principal non-agricultural industries<sup>1/</sup> shows no general change at Dec. 1, the advance index, at 186.4, being the same as at Nov. 1. As compared with Dec. 1, 1950, however, there was an increase of 4.0 p.c. in the index number of employment. This gain in the 12 months' comparison was the smallest recorded during 1951. The expenditures in weekly wages and salaries mounted by 0.6 p.c. in the month, and were 16.7 p.c. above those reported at Dec. 1, 1950, reaching a new maximum. The advance figure of average weekly earnings in the major industrial groups, at \$52.35, exceeded the previous peak of \$52.06 at Nov. 1, 1951, and the average of \$46.63 recorded at Dec. 1, 1950. Further increases in wage rates and changes in industrial distributions contributed materially to the higher earnings in the period under review.

The trend was generally favourable in New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario, in which there were gains of 2.1 p.c., 0.3 p.c. and 0.2 p.c., respectively. Elsewhere the losses were as follows: Prince Edward Island, 1.5 p.c., Nova Scotia, 1.7 p.c., Manitoba, 0.2 p.c., Saskatchewan, 0.7 p.c., Alberta, 0.5 p.c., and British Columbia, 1.3 p.c. In all provinces except Prince Edward Island, the index numbers of employment were higher than at Dec. 1, 1950; the increases in some areas were slight.

The advance index number of employment in manufacturing at Dec. 1 was 0.8 p.c. lower than a month earlier, but was 1.6 p.c. above the Dec. 1, 1950, figure. The weekly payrolls in this group of industries mounted by 0.1 p.c. in the month, and by 14.5 p.c. in the year. The average weekly earnings reported in manufacturing stood at \$54.41 at Dec. 1, as compared with \$53.88 at Nov. 1, 1951, and \$48.51 at Dec. 1, 1950.

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Advance Index Numbers of Employment and Payrolls, Dec. 1, 1951, with Indexes  
for a Month and a Year earlier. (1939=100)

Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	Dec.1, 1951	Nov.1, 1951	Dec.1, 1950	Dec.1, 1951	Nov.1, 1951	Dec.1, 1950
Prince Edward Island	179.9	182.6	195.9	348.8	356.3	343.6
Nova Scotia	155.7	158.4	152.6	321.2	324.7	283.0
New Brunswick	190.2	186.2	184.1	419.1	422.6	364.8
Quebec	178.6	178.0	167.0	421.2	414.4	348.8
Ontario	194.4	193.9	189.1	431.3	428.8	376.4
Manitoba	178.1	178.4	177.9	348.7	349.0	313.6
Saskatchewan	156.7	157.7	150.9	315.7	315.5	272.8
Alberta	210.3	211.3	197.7	440.9	441.6	368.9
British Columbia	195.2	197.9	189.6	430.8	433.9	362.8
Canada - Composite Index	186.4	186.4	179.2	415.8	413.4	356.2
Canada - Manufacturing	188.2	189.8	185.3	451.7	451.2	394.6

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Dec.1, 1951	Nov.1, 1951	Dec.1, 1950
Prince Edward Island	\$ 38.59	\$ 38.82	\$ 34.90
Nova Scotia	44.22	43.95	39.80
New Brunswick	44.71	46.02	40.07
Quebec	50.21	49.54	44.45
Ontario	54.37	54.18	48.74
Manitoba	50.33	50.30	45.35
Saskatchewan	48.82	48.48	43.82
Alberta	53.34	53.16	47.45
British Columbia	57.38	57.01	49.76
Canada - Composite Index	52.35	52.06	46.63
Canada - Manufacturing	54.41	53.88	48.51

The above data are based on advance tabulations 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 weekly earnings will be issued some days hence.