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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS
AT APR. 1, 1951.

(These data are subject to revision)

Activity in the major non-agricultural industries^{1/} was moderately higher at the first of April, according to a preliminary tabulation of data obtained in the monthly survey of employment and payrolls. On the 1939 base as 100, the advance industrial composite index, at 173.2, was 0.5 p.c. above the Mar. 1 figure, and 8.9 p.c. higher than at Apr. 1, 1950, when the trend had also been upward. The increase at the date under review, which reverses the movement in the earlier months of this year, was contra-seasonal in the experience of recently preceding years.

Heightened employment as compared with the beginning of March was reported in all provinces except Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Quebec. The losses in the last two areas amounted to 1.1 p.c. and 0.5 p.c., respectively. The increases in employment elsewhere indicated varied from 0.2 p.c. in Alberta and 0.6 p.c. in Manitoba, to 2.3 p.c. in British Columbia and 3.5 p.c. in Nova Scotia.

The weekly payrolls disbursed by the larger industrial establishments throughout Canada showed a gain of 1.0 p.c. as compared with a month earlier, and were 17.6 p.c. higher than at Apr. 1, 1950. The general average of weekly wages and salaries at the date under review reached a new maximum at \$48.42, as compared with \$48.19 at Mar. 1, and \$44.77 at Apr. 1 of last spring.

On the whole, there was improvement in manufacturing, and in many of the principal non-manufacturing classes with the exception of logging, which showed a seasonal decline in employment. In manufacturing, the advance index of employment, at 188.4, was 1.1 p.c. higher than at Mar. 1, and exceeded by 9.5 p.c. the Apr. 1, 1950, figure. The index of larger factory payrolls rose by 2.1 p.c. in the month, and by 19.4 p.c. as compared with a year ago. The advance figure of per capita weekly earnings in manufacturing was \$50.04, as compared with \$49.56 at Mar. 1, and \$45.91 at Apr. 1, 1950.

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See footnote on page 2.

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

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Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	Apr. 1 1951	Mar. 1 1951	Apr. 1 1950	Apr. 1 1951	Mar. 1 1951	Apr. 1 1950
Prince Edward Island	152.0	160.1	149.9	289.9	298.2	262.9
Nova Scotia	140.2	135.5	132.0	279.7	265.9	249.0
New Brunswick	176.9	179.0	157.5	372.0	371.3	302.9
Quebec	160.2	161.0	146.2	347.5	349.6	295.6
Ontario	187.0	185.7	169.9	386.1	378.6	321.5
Manitoba	165.2	164.3	159.0	302.1	302.6	271.6
Saskatchewan	135.2	133.3	127.3	256.3	250.8	226.4
Alberta	187.1	186.7	175.8	356.7	362.3	319.7
British Columbia	181.0	176.9	170.1	353.1	347.6	308.9
Canada - Composite Index	173.2	172.3	159.0	357.3	353.8	303.8
Canada - Manufacturing	188.4	186.3	172.0	413.9	405.3	346.6

^{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 communications, public utility operations, 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.

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