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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS
MAY 1, 1951.

(These data are subject to revision).

A preliminary tabulation of the results of the monthly survey of industrial employment shows further improvement in the situation at May 1, continuing the favourable movement indicated a month previously. The advance index number of employment, (1939=100), stood at 175.2, as compared with 173.3 at Apr. 1, 1951, and 159.7 at May 1 in both 1950 and 1949. Marked seasonal curtailment was noted in logging operations in the Eastern and Central Provinces, but the trend in many other industries, notably construction, was upward at the beginning of May.

The rise of 1.1 p.c. in employment reported at May 1 was accompanied by a gain of 2.6 p.c. in the advance index number of payrolls. The latest figure for Canada was the highest in the record, although the employment figure was seasonally lower than during the final quarter of 1950. The per capita weekly earnings of men and women on the staffs of the larger firms in the principal industrial groups reached a new high at \$49.17 at May 1, as compared with \$48.43 at Apr. 1, and \$44.88 at May 1, 1950.

Greater activity as compared with Apr. 1 was indicated in all provinces except Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, where the index numbers of employment fell by 0.2 p.c. and 3.0 p.c., respectively. Seasonal declines in transportation seriously affected the situation in both provinces, while important losses, also seasonal, took place in logging in New Brunswick. Among the remaining provinces, the general gains ranged from 0.4 p.c. in Ontario and 1.4 p.c. in Manitoba, to 3.0 p.c. in British Columbia, 3.4 p.c. in Alberta and 6.4 p.c. in Prince Edward Island. On the whole, the general trend of payrolls was upward in all provinces except New Brunswick.

The advance index number of employment in manufacturing, at 189.5, was 0.4 p.c. higher than at Apr. 1, 1951, and 9.9 p.c. above its level at May 1, 1950. The index of payrolls showed a rise of 2.1 p.c. in the month, and was 21.5 p.c. higher than a year earlier. The preliminary figure of per capita weekly salaries and wages of persons employed in leading manufacturing establishments at May 1 was \$50.89, as compared with \$50.03 at Apr. 1, 1951, and \$46.03 at May 1, 1950.

4/ See footnote on page 2.



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

(1939=100)

Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	May 1 1951	Apr. 1 1951	May 1 1950	May 1 1951	Apr. 1 1951	May 1 1950
Prince Edward Island	161.8	152.0	152.6	304.4	289.9	275.1
Nova Scotia	140.0	140.3	128.5	280.5	279.4	244.5
New Brunswick	171.8	177.1	153.1	354.1	372.6	290.9
Quebec	162.8	160.3	146.7	359.2	348.2	295.8
Ontario	188.1	187.3	170.3	394.0	386.6	323.7
Manitoba	167.5	165.2	160.1	309.1	302.6	272.3
Saskatchewan	138.4	135.3	130.0	259.6	256.8	228.9
Alberta	193.4	187.0	178.1	373.9	356.1	321.2
British Columbia	186.5	181.0	174.9	376.1	353.2	322.2
Canada - Composite Index	175.2	173.3	159.7	367.4	357.8	305.8
Canada - Manufacturing	189.5	188.8	172.5	423.2	414.6	348.4

^{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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