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

(These data are subject to revision).

Preliminary results of the tabulation of the monthly statistics of employment and payrolls in leading establishments in the major industrial divisions^{1/} at the beginning of June show considerable seasonal expansion in activity in all provinces except New Brunswick, where a loss of 0.6 p.c. was indicated. The reported increases in employment ranged from 1.5 p.c. in Ontario, to 7.5 p.c. in Saskatchewan and 10 p.c. in Prince Edward Island.

The advance index number of industrial employment in Canada, (1939=100) showed a rise of 2.1 p.c. in the month, and was 8.0 p.c. higher than at June 1, 1950. The latest index was the maximum in the record.

Fairly general expansion as compared with May 1 was reported in manufacturing, and in most of the non-manufacturing industries. On the whole, the gains in construction were considerable, although there was a large decline in road work in New Brunswick. Logging afforded more employment except in Alberta; river-driving operations in Eastern Canada resulted in the re-employment of many workers, particularly in Quebec. Moderate improvement was recorded in transportation except in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The advance index number of payrolls in Canada rose by 2.3 p.c. as compared with May 1, and was 19.3 p.c. above its level at June 1, 1950. In spite of some losses in working time on the Victoria Day Holiday, changes in the industrial distribution of the employees reported, and reduced working hours in some industries, the general figure of per capita weekly earnings was slightly higher, rising from \$49.17 at May 1, to \$49.24 at June 1. Twelve months earlier, the average was \$44.51. The recent figure was the highest in the record.

The advance index number of employment in manufacturing at June 1 was 191.8, as compared with 189.9 a month earlier, and 175.3 at June 1 of last year. The index number of factory payrolls rose by 1.0 p.c. in the month. As compared with June 1, 1950, there was a rise of 21.5 p.c. in the disbursements in weekly wages and salaries. The advance figure of average weekly earnings in manufacturing at June 1 was \$50.86, as compared with \$50.84 at May 1, 1951, and \$45.82 at June 1, 1950.

^{1/} See footnote on Page 2.



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

(1939=100)

| Area | Employment | | | Payrolls | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | June 1 1951 | May 1 1951 | June 1 1950 | June 1 1951 | May 1 1951 | June 1 1950 |
| Prince Edward Island | 178.1 | 161.8 | 167.7 | 338.9 | 304.4 | 301.3 |
| Nova Scotia | 144.4 | 140.3 | 142.0 | 280.4 | 280.9 | 256.7 |
| New Brunswick | 170.7 | 171.7 | 165.1 | 356.1 | 357.2 | 308.0 |
| Quebec | 167.0 | 163.3 | 152.5 | 369.0 | 359.8 | 305.0 |
| Ontario | 191.3 | 188.5 | 175.3 | 401.0 | 395.0 | 331.7 |
| Manitoba | 171.6 | 167.5 | 162.5 | 320.7 | 309.2 | 276.9 |
| Saskatchewan | 148.3 | 137.9 | 142.2 | 283.6 | 258.5 | 252.6 |
| Alberta | 201.1 | 192.9 | 188.5 | 391.0 | 373.0 | 335.4 |
| British Columbia | 191.7 | 187.2 | 162.1 | 388.4 | 378.1 | 331.7 |
| Canada - Composite Index | 179.3 | 175.6 | 166.0 | 376.3 | 367.9 | 315.3 |
| Canada - Manufacturing | 191.8 | 189.9 | 175.3 | 428.1 | 423.7 | 352.3 |

^{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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