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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY PAYROLLS,
JANUARY, 1952.

Employment in the major non-agricultural industries^{1/} throughout Canada showed important curtailment at Jan. 1, conforming to the trend indicated at that date in each of the years for which information has been collected. Based on the 1939 average as 100, the advance index number, at 180.9, was 3.1 p.c. lower than at Dec. 1, 1951, but was 3.2 p.c. above the Jan. 1, 1951, figure.

Reduced industrial activity was indicated in all provinces, and in many cities. Provincially, the losses from Dec. 1 ranged from 1.3 p.c. in New Brunswick and 2.3 p.c. in Ontario and Alberta, to 4.0 p.c. in Quebec and 4.3 p.c. in British Columbia. Industrially, there were widespread declines as compared with a month earlier. The decreases in employment in construction and manufacturing in most provinces were substantial. In some areas, trade showed heightened activity as compared with a month earlier.

The decline of 6.7 p.c. reported in the payroll disbursements of the larger industrial establishments for the holiday week of Jan. 1 as compared with a month earlier, exceeded that recorded in the same comparison 12 months ago, partly due to the observance of Christmas, 1951, on Tuesday; some establishments closed from Friday or Saturday of the preceding week to Thursday in Christmas week. Short time work in other establishments also contributed to the considerable reduction. As compared with Jan. 1, 1951, however, there was a rise of 15 p.c. in the latest general index number of weekly payrolls. The average weekly wages and salaries in the major industrial groups at the beginning of January, 1952, stood at \$50.45, as compared with the all-time high of \$52.41 a month earlier, and \$45.27 at Jan. 1, 1951.

The advance index of employment in manufacturing in Canada at Jan. 1 was 184.0, down 2.7 p.c. from Dec. 1; as compared with the beginning of January of last year, there was a slight increase, (0.9 p.c.). The expenditures in weekly wages and salaries in the larger manufacturing plants showed the reduction usual in the holiday week, falling by 7.3 p.c. from Dec. 1. This loss was larger than that reported at Jan. 1, 1951; the index number of payrolls was then 12.2 p.c. below the most recent figure. The earnings of persons employed by the co-operating manufacturers at Jan. 1, 1952, averaged \$51.83, as compared with \$54.44 at Dec. 1, 1951, and \$46.60 at Jan. 1, 1951.

^{1/}See footnote on page 2.



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Advance Index Numbers of Employment and Payrolls, Jan. 1, 1952, with Indexes
for a Month and a Year Earlier. (1939=100)

Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	Jan.1, 1952	Dec.1, 1951	Jan.1, 1951	Jan.1, 1952	Dec.1, 1951	Jan.1, 1951
Prince Edward Island	175.2	181.0	184.2	327.9	351.1	318.5
Nova Scotia	148.2	156.2	149.1	286.8	321.9	264.1
New Brunswick	189.7	192.3	187.5	416.9	426.0	362.4
Quebec	171.6	178.6	162.3	389.7	421.7	327.8
Ontario	190.2	194.7	186.9	406.7	432.2	361.4
Manitoba	172.9	177.5	171.2	334.0	347.8	296.8
Saskatchewan	152.3	156.5	144.4	305.9	315.8	262.8
Alberta	206.1	210.9	193.7	422.3	443.1	355.8
British Columbia	186.7	195.1	180.4	387.4	432.5	331.3
Canada - Composite Index	180.9	186.6	175.3	388.9	416.7	338.2
Canada - Manufacturing	184.0	189.1	182.4	418.7	451.8	373.1

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Jan.1, 1952	Dec.1, 1951	Jan.1, 1951
Prince Edward Island	\$37.25	\$38.60	\$34.42
Nova Scotia	41.50	44.19	37.99
New Brunswick	44.55	44.91	39.08
Quebec	48.33	50.23	42.99
Ontario	52.38	54.39	47.34
Manitoba	49.67	50.38	44.61
Saskatchewan	48.70	48.94	44.13
Alberta	52.14	53.46	46.73
British Columbia	53.95	57.64	47.78
Canada - Composite Index	50.45	52.41	45.27
Canada - Manufacturing	51.83	54.44	46.60

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.