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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,  
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(These data are subject to revision).

The advance compilation of the results of the monthly survey of employment and payrolls in representative establishments in the leading industrial divisions<sup>1/</sup> shows further improvement at Oct. 1, when employment rose by 0.7 p.c. from Sept. 1. The latest index, on the 1939 base, reached a new maximum, at 192.0, as compared with 190.6 at Sept. 1, 1952, and 186.5 at Oct. 1, 1951. The increase in the month approximated the average for the beginning of October in the experience of a lengthy period.

Heightened activity as compared with Sept. 1 was reported in New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia, where the gains ranged from 1.0 p.c. to 1.4 p.c. No general change took place in Manitoba. The trend in the remaining provinces was unfavourable. The largest decline was that of 1.9 p.c. in Alberta.

The expansion in industrial employment generally at the first of October was accompanied by a rise of 1.6 p.c. in the advance index number of payrolls; higher wage rates, a return to more usual working hours in some industries due in part to accelerated activity and in part to the settlement of labour-management disputes, contributed to the general increase. The expenditures in weekly wages and salaries fell moderately in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and the Prairie Provinces. The percentage increases elsewhere recorded were on a rather larger scale. The latest payroll figure was the highest in the record. The advance figure of average weekly earnings in the major industrial groups also reached a new peak, standing at \$55.03, as compared with \$54.55 at Sept. 1, 1952, and \$51.59 at Oct. 1 of last year.

In manufacturing as a whole, the advance index number of employment at Oct. 1 was 200.2 as compared with 198.5 at the beginning of September, and 194.2 at Oct. 1, 1951. The gain of 0.9 p.c. in the month was accompanied by a rise of 2.1 p.c. in the weekly wages and salaries disbursed by the co-operating factories. The most recent figure of per capita earnings stood at \$57.05, as compared with \$56.36 a month earlier, and \$53.31 at Oct. 1, 1951. The latest average in manufacturing is the highest on record.

<sup>1/</sup> See footnote on page 2.



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Advance Index Numbers<sup>1/</sup> of Employment and Payrolls at Oct. 1, 1952, with Indexes for the Preceding Month and a Year Ago. (1939=100)

Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	Oct. 1, 1952	Sept. 1, 1952	Oct. 1, 1951	Oct. 1, 1952	Sept. 1, 1952	Oct. 1, 1951
Prince Edward Island	205.4	209.2	188.6	427.6	431.3	362.9
Nova Scotia	163.2	163.8	158.3	351.9	352.2	323.1
New Brunswick	185.4	183.5	183.6	421.3	409.8	407.3
Quebec	181.2	179.3	175.3	445.2	436.5	406.5
Ontario	200.3	198.3	195.4	468.3	459.2	428.5
Manitoba	182.7	182.7	178.6	372.2	373.2	348.
Saskatchewan	162.1	164.2	156.9	348.5	351.9	312.8
Alberta	230.8	235.3	214.0	508.7	516.4	446.2
British Columbia	204.7	201.9	201.0	481.4	469.8	426.1
Canada - Composite Index	192.0	190.6	186.5	449.9	442.7	410.0
Canada - Manufacturing	200.2	198.5	194.2	501.4	490.9	454.4

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Oct. 1, 1952	Sept. 1, 1952	Oct. 1, 1951
Prince Edward Island	\$41.43	\$41.04	\$38.29
Nova Scotia	46.21	46.07	43.67
New Brunswick	46.25	45.44	44.97
Quebec	52.29	51.83	49.33
Ontario	57.31	56.74	53.73
Manitoba	52.39	52.54	50.17
Saskatchewan	52.06	51.91	48.32
Alberta	56.07	55.81	52.77
British Columbia	61.13	60.50	55.12
Canada - Composite figure	55.03	54.55	51.59
Canada - Manufacturing	57.05	56.36	53.31

<sup>1/</sup>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.