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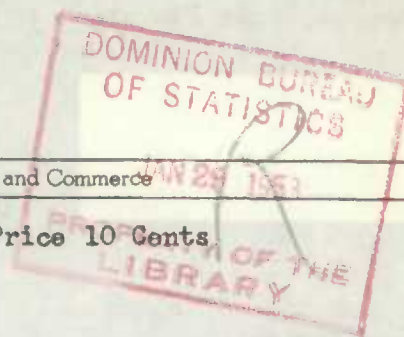
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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,
DECEMBER, 1952.

(These data are subject to revision)

A preliminary tabulation of the monthly statistics of employment in the principal non-agricultural industries^{1/} at Dec. 1 shows little change on the whole, the advance index, (1939=100), standing at 192.2, as compared with 192.3 at Nov. 1. As compared with Dec. 1, 1951, there was an increase of 3.0 p.c. in the index number of employment. The expenditures in weekly payrolls mounted by 0.8 p.c. in the month, and were 10.2 p.c. above those reported 12 months previously. The advance figure of average weekly wages and salaries in the major industrial groups, at \$56.08, exceeded the previous maximum of \$55.65 at Nov. 1, 1952, and the average of \$52.41 recorded at Dec. 1, 1951. Upward adjustments in wage rates contributed to the higher earnings in the period under review.

The trend of employment was generally favourable in New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The gains were moderate, that of 2.1 p.c. in New Brunswick being most noteworthy. The losses elsewhere recorded were also rather small, except in British Columbia, where the index fell by 1.9 p.c. as compared with a month earlier. In all provinces except New Brunswick, the index numbers of employment were higher than at Dec. 1, 1951. The falling off of 6.0 p.c. in New Brunswick largely resulted from curtailment in logging operations.

The advance index number of employment in manufacturing in Canada at Dec. 1 was 0.2 p.c. lower than a month earlier, but was 5.4 p.c. above the Dec. 1, 1951, figure. The weekly payrolls in this group of industries mounted by 1.1 p.c. in the month, and by 13.2 p.c. in the year. The average weekly earnings reported in manufacturing stood at \$58.43 at Dec. 1, as compared with \$57.66 at Nov. 1, 1952, and \$54.44 at Dec. 1, 1951.

1/ See footnote on page 2.

Advance Index Numbers^{1/} of Employment and Payrolls at Dec. 1, 1952, with Indexes for the Preceding Month and a Year Ago. (1939=100)

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Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	Dec. 1, 1952	Nov. 1, 1952	Dec. 1, 1951	Dec. 1, 1952	Nov. 1, 1952	Dec. 1, 1951
Prince Edward Island	199.5	199.8	181.0	420.5	426.0	351.1
Nova Scotia	158.1	160.2	156.2	348.6	347.7	321.9
New Brunswick	180.6	177.1	192.3	418.9	405.9	426.0
Quebec	183.0	182.8	178.6	460.7	454.7	421.7
Ontario	200.8	200.4	194.7	477.7	474.2	432.2
Manitoba	183.9	182.6	177.5	375.9	372.3	347.8
Saskatchewan	164.8	164.2	156.5	349.5	349.3	315.8
Alberta	231.3	231.3	210.9	521.1	518.7	443.1
British Columbia	201.2	205.2	195.1	485.1	488.7	432.5
Canada - Composite Index	192.2	192.3	186.6	459.2	455.8	416.7
Canada - Manufacturing	199.4	199.8	189.1	511.5	505.7	451.8

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Dec. 1, 1952	Nov. 1, 1952	Dec. 1, 1951
Prince Edward Island	\$41.95	\$42.44	\$38.60
Nova Scotia	47.24	46.49	44.19
New Brunswick	47.13	46.61	44.91
Quebec	53.59	52.92	50.23
Ontario	58.30	58.00	54.39
Manitoba	52.57	52.43	50.38
Saskatchewan	51.37	51.52	48.94
Alberta	57.27	57.02	53.46
British Columbia	62.68	61.93	57.64
Canada - Composite figure	56.08	55.65	52.41
Canada - Manufacturing	58.43	57.66	54.44

^{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.