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Advance Statement of Employment and Payrolls, Feb. 1, 1952.

Employment at Feb. 1 in the major non-agricultural industries<sup>1/</sup> declined from the Jan. 1 level, reflecting a typical seasonal movement. Based on the 1939 average as 100, the advance index number of employment, at 177.9, was 1.7 p.c. lower than it had been a month earlier. While employment was lower than in the preceding 8 months, it was the highest recorded at this time of year. The index number of payrolls showed a seasonal advance over the Jan. 1 figure, amounting to 3.2 p.c. The average wages and salaries, at \$52.94 for the week, were the highest to date, being \$2.52 above the average of \$50.42 at Jan. 1, and ~~\$3.30~~<sup>\$5.27</sup> above that of \$47.87 reported at Feb. 1, 1951.

Employment was lower than at Jan. 1 in all provinces except Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. Average weekly wages and salaries were higher in every area with the exception of Prince Edward Island. The increases in most cases were sufficient to result in larger payroll disbursements than at Jan. 1, when the situation had been affected by the year-end holidays.

The advance tabulations indicated reduced activity in all major industries except mining and manufacturing. The changes over the month were seasonal in character and were most substantial in trade, construction and transportation.

In manufacturing, the index of employment showed a gain of 0.8 p.c. in the month and was 0.3 p.c. above the level reported at Feb. 1, 1951. Payroll disbursements were 7.4 p.c. higher than at Jan. 1, and 11.5 p.c. above those reported 12 months earlier. The average weekly earnings, amounting to \$55.25, as compared with \$51.82 at Jan. 1 and \$49.64 at Feb. 1, 1951, were the highest on record.

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



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

Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	Feb.1, 1952	Jan.1, 1952	Feb.1, 1951	Feb.1, 1952	Jan.1, 1952	Feb.1, 1951
Prince Edward Island	183.4	175.2	165.3	336.5	327.9	298.6
Nova Scotia	150.8	149.2	142.2	315.5	287.3	271.6
New Brunswick	185.7	190.7	179.3	419.4	419.7	368.5
Quebec	169.0	171.7	159.9	403.9	389.2	343.1
Ontario	187.6	190.3	185.6	422.3	406.3	379.5
Manitoba	169.1	173.0	165.5	333.1	334.2	298.1
Saskatchewan	142.9	152.1	134.9	292.8	305.3	249.9
Alberta	201.6	206.0	186.5	424.3	422.3	365.9
British Columbia	180.4	186.4	177.0	394.0	386.9	342.6
Canada - Composite Index	177.9	181.0	172.3	401.0	388.6	351.5
Canada - Manufacturing	185.0	183.6	184.5	448.5	417.5	402.1

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Feb.1, 1952	Jan.1, 1952	Feb.1, 1951
Prince Edward Island	\$36.51	\$37.25	\$35.96
Nova Scotia	44.82	41.24	40.97
New Brunswick	45.79	44.61	41.56
Quebec	50.88	48.27	45.67
Ontario	55.19	52.35	50.07
Manitoba	50.64	49.66	46.35
Saskatchewan	49.68	48.67	44.89
Alberta	53.55	52.17	48.69
British Columbia	56.77	53.97	50.36
Canada - Composite Index	52.94	50.42	47.87
Canada - Manufacturing	55.25	51.82	49.64

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.