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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY PAYROLLS,  
APR. 1, 1952.

(These data are subject to revision).

Employment in the major non-agricultural industries<sup>1/</sup> showed little general change at the first of April, according to a preliminary tabulation of the monthly returns on employment and payrolls. On the 1939 base as 100, the advance industrial composite index was 177.9, as compared with 178.0 at Mar. 1 and 173.3 at Apr. 1, 1951. The increase in the latter comparison was 2.7 p.c.

Industrial activity was moderately higher than at the beginning of March in all provinces except Quebec, Ontario and Alberta; there was no general change in Ontario, while losses of 1.7 p.c. and 0.2 p.c. were reported in Quebec and Alberta, respectively. Seasonal contractions in forestry operations were largely responsible for the general reduction in Quebec. The increases in employment elsewhere recorded ranged from 0.2 p.c. in Saskatchewan and 0.5 p.c. in Manitoba, to 2.1 p.c. in British Columbia and 4.9 p.c. in New Brunswick. There was also a considerable rise in the index in Prince Edward Island, due to the employment of large numbers of extra workers on snow removal work.

The weekly payrolls disbursed by the larger industrial establishments throughout Canada showed a gain of 0.6 p.c. as compared with a month earlier, and were 15 p.c. higher than at Apr. 1, 1951. The advance general average of weekly wages and salaries at the date under review reached a new maximum, at \$54.29, as compared with \$53.96 at Mar. 1, and \$48.43 at Apr. 1 of last year.

On the whole, there was moderate improvement in manufacturing, and in most of the principal non-manufacturing classes, with the exception of logging and mining. The decline in forestry work, which was substantial, was seasonal in character, while that in mining was slight. The advance index of employment in manufacturing, at 188.1, was 0.4 p.c. higher than at Mar. 1, but was 0.4 p.c. lower than at Apr. 1, 1951. The index of factory payrolls rose by 1.8 p.c. in the month, and was 12½ p.c. higher than a year ago. The advance figure of per capita weekly earnings in manufacturing was \$56.52, as compared with \$55.75 at Mar. 1, and \$50.03 at Apr. 1, 1951.

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



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

Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	Apr. 1, 1952	Mar. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1951	Apr. 1, 1952	Mar. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1951
Prince Edward Island	206.0	160.6	152.0	358.3	322.4	289.9
Nova Scotia	149.1	146.7	140.3	331.7	309.8	279.4
New Brunswick	194.4	185.3	177.1	444.0	430.2	372.6
Quebec	166.7	169.6	160.3	407.3	412.7	348.2
Ontario	187.5	187.5	187.3	432.0	429.2	386.6
Manitoba	168.6	167.8	165.2	336.8	336.2	302.6
Saskatchewan	142.0	141.7	135.3	294.1	294.7	256.8
Alberta	201.4	201.8	187.0	428.7	431.4	356.1
British Columbia	187.7	183.9	181.0	429.9	415.4	353.2
Canada - Composite Index	177.9	178.0	173.3	411.3	409.0	357.8
Canada - Manufacturing	188.1	187.3	188.8	466.6	458.2	414.6

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Apr. 1, 1952	Mar. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1951
Prince Edward Island	\$34.62	\$39.95	\$37.95
Nova Scotia	47.66	45.24	42.70
New Brunswick	46.33	47.11	42.53
Quebec	52.01	51.81	46.23
Ontario	56.49	56.11	50.53
Manitoba	51.38	51.52	47.13
Saskatchewan	50.21	50.44	46.01
Alberta	54.17	54.40	48.44
British Columbia	59.53	58.71	50.74
Canada - Composite Index	54.29	53.96	48.43
Canada - Manufacturing	56.52	55.75	50.03

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.