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**ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,  
MAY 1, 1952.**

(These data are subject to revision).

A preliminary tabulation of the results of the monthly survey of industrial employment at May 1, shows a further small decline. On the 1939 base, the advance index number of employment was 177.4, as compared with 177.7 at Apr. 1, 1952, and 175.6 at May 1, 1951. The most pronounced change at the date under review was important seasonal curtailment in logging operations, but the trend in many other industries, notably construction, was upward at the beginning of May.

The loss of 0.2 p.c. in employment was accompanied by that of 0.3 p.c. in the advance index number of payrolls, which was 11.6 p.c. above its level at May 1, 1951, previously the maximum for the time of year. The per capita weekly earnings of men and women on the staffs of the larger firms in the principal industrial groups stood at \$54.30 at May 1, as compared with \$54.32 at Apr. 1, and \$49.17 at May 1, 1951. The slight decline in the average as compared with a month earlier was partly due to changes in the industrial distribution of workers and partly to reduced working hours in some industries.

Moderately heightened activity as compared with Apr. 1 was indicated in Ontario and the Western Provinces, with Quebec and the Eastern Areas showing decreased employment. The loss of 1.5 p.c. in Quebec was largely due to seasonal contractions in logging camps, although industrial disputes also contributed. The falling-off in employment in the Maritime Provinces was mainly seasonal in character, there being important curtailment in transportation. In New Brunswick, there were also substantial losses in logging.

The advance index number of employment in manufacturing, at 188.4, was 0.2 p.c. higher than at Apr. 1, 1952, but was 0.8 p.c. below its level at May 1, 1951. The index of payrolls showed a rise of 0.2 p.c. in the month, and was 10.5 p.c. higher than a year ago. The preliminary figure of per capita weekly wages and salaries in the manufacturing establishments at May 1 was \$56.54, as compared with the preceding figure of \$56.55, and \$50.84 at May 1, 1951.



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

Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	May 1, 1952	Apr.1, 1952	May 1, 1951	May 1, 1952	Apr.1, 1952	May 1, 1951
Prince Edward Island	175.6	213.4	161.8	364.6	376.4	304.4
Nova Scotia	147.9	148.9	140.3	328.5	331.8	280.9
New Brunswick	169.8	192.4	171.7	390.4	442.5	357.2
Quebec	163.9	166.4	163.3	400.2	406.5	359.8
Ontario	187.9	187.2	188.5	431.9	432.3	395.0
Manitoba	171.2	168.8	167.5	343.5	337.1	309.2
Saskatchewan	147.3	142.0	137.9	307.8	294.1	258.5
Alberta	206.8	201.6	192.9	440.9	429.9	373.0
British Columbia	192.6	188.6	187.2	443.3	432.6	378.1
Canada - Composite Index	177.4	177.7	175.6	410.5	411.5	367.9
Canada - Manufacturing	188.4	187.9	189.9	468.3	467.2	423.7

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	May 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952	May 1, 1951
Prince Edward Island	\$41.32	\$35.09	\$37.43
Nova Scotia	47.57	47.74	42.93
New Brunswick	46.65	46.67	42.06
Quebec	51.98	52.01	46.90
Ontario	56.24	56.49	51.31
Manitoba	51.59	51.37	47.51
Saskatchewan	50.66	50.21	45.43
Alberta	54.26	54.25	49.19
British Columbia	59.85	59.63	52.49
Canada - Composite Index	54.30	54.32	49.17
Canada - Manufacturing	56.54	56.55	50.84

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.