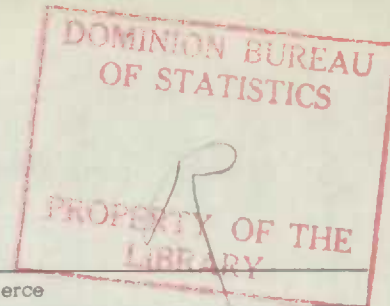




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The advance tabulation of information obtained in the monthly survey of employment in the principal industrial groups<sup>1/</sup> at the first of August shows further improvement on the whole, the index rising by 1.4 p.c. as compared with July 1. In part, the increase resulted from the settlement of important labour-management disputes in lumber manufacturing on the West Coast, and in part, from unusually marked expansion in road construction and maintenance work in Quebec. An offsetting factor was curtailment in logging, largely due to seasonal inactivity in the Eastern and Central areas, and to forest fires in British Columbia. The latest general index of employment was the maximum in the record, exceeding the Aug. 1, 1951, figure by 2.1 p.c.

Industrial payrolls also reached a new high at the beginning of August, when the Canada index was 9.5 p.c. above its level of a year earlier. Greater expenditures as compared with July 1, 1952, were reported in all provinces except New Brunswick and Ontario. The increase in British Columbia was not equal to the decline which had been recorded in the preceding survey as compared with June 1, settlement in the major industrial disputes being reached only at the end of the pay periods reported by most establishments involved.

The average weekly wages and salaries were higher in all provinces except Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia. The moderate declines in the first 2 areas resulted mainly from the employment of numerous casual workers at the lower rates of pay; the larger reduction in British Columbia was due to the fact that substantial numbers of men were on strike during most of the pay periods reported at Aug. 1, when important losses due to forest fires were also a factor.

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

Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	Aug. 1, 1952	July 1, 1952	Aug. 1, 1951	Aug. 1, 1952	July 1, 1952	Aug. 1, 1951
Prince Edward Island	207.9	199.4	188.7	429.9	408.6	363.4
Nova Scotia	160.2	160.6	155.3	346.4	342.6	314.5
New Brunswick	172.3	178.6	179.9	392.4	401.6	387.3
Quebec	182.9	177.3	171.6	438.2	428.3	387.0
Ontario	195.5	196.5	193.5	451.0	452.0	413.6
Manitoba	181.9	179.2	179.7	368.6	363.0	344.3
Saskatchewan	165.1	162.3	157.5	353.1	343.4	307.9
Alberta	230.0	222.4	218.0	488.9	476.5	434.3
British Columbia	181.9	171.2	198.1	406.3	388.6	400.3
Canada - Composite Index	188.1	185.5	184.3	431.5	426.3	394.0
Canada - Manufacturing	193.6	191.4	194.0	474.2	470.1	440.1

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Aug. 1, 1952	July 1, 1952	Aug. 1, 1951
Prince Edward Island	\$41.17	\$40.81	\$38.32
Nova Scotia	46.33	45.69	43.44
New Brunswick	46.34	45.76	43.63
Quebec	51.01	51.41	47.99
Ontario	56.54	56.37	52.34
Manitoba	52.11	52.09	49.31
Saskatchewan	51.85	51.29	47.37
Alberta	54.06	54.48	50.68
British Columbia	58.07	59.00	52.52
Canada - Composite figure	53.87	53.96	50.16
Canada - Manufacturing	55.80	55.95	51.68

<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.