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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS, OCTOBER, 1953.

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The level of industrial employment at Oct. 1 was practically the same as at Sept. 1, and also showed little change in the 12-month comparison, according to monthly returns on employment and payrolls received from over 25,000 establishments. The index (1949=100) was 116.7, as compared with 116.6 at Sept. 1, and 116.4 at Oct. 1, 1952, previously the highest figure on record for the time of year. Activity increased in the month in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and Saskatchewan. The gains, like most of the declines elsewhere indicated, were small.

The reported disbursements in payrolls were 1.0 p.c. higher than at the beginning of September, and 6.4 p.c. above the Oct. 1, 1952, level. At 158.5 on the 1949 average as 100, the latest index reached a new all-time maximum. The provincial trends in weekly wages and salaries were the same in direction as those in employment, except in British Columbia, where a loss of 0.2 p.c. in employment was accompanied by a rise of 0.1 p.c. in payrolls.

The average weekly earnings showed an advance of 49 cents from Sept. 1, and of \$3.00 from Oct. 1, 1952, establishing a new high, at \$58.12. The latest per capita figures in Prince Edward Island and Manitoba were slightly lower than a month earlier. The increases indicated in the remaining provinces varied from 5 cents in New Brunswick to 74 cents in Ontario.

There was a slight decline in employment in manufacturing as compared with Sept. 1, but the payroll index rose by 1.1 p.c. The average weekly wages and salaries, at \$59.74, were the highest in the record. The employment index was 0.8 p.c. above its Oct. 1, 1952, position, while the payroll figure was 5.9 p.c. higher.

See footnote on page 2.

Advance Index Numbers^{1/} of Employment and Payrolls at Oct. 1, 1953, with Indexes for the Preceding Month and a Year Ago. (1949=100)

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Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	Oct. 1, 1953	Sept. 1, 1953	Oct. 1, 1952	Oct. 1, 1953	Sept. 1, 1953	Oct. 1, 1952
Newfoundland	159.0	156.0	151.2	254.2	245.1	221.6
Prince Edward Island	119.3	124.7	130.8	158.4	165.2	159.4
Nova Scotia	104.4	104.0	109.8	136.0	135.0	135.0
New Brunswick	102.1	107.1	112.3	132.7	139.1	135.4
Quebec	116.0	115.6	118.0	156.4	153.7	149.8
Ontario	116.9	116.4	115.9	159.2	156.6	149.3
Manitoba	110.4	111.1	109.8	144.4	145.4	134.3
Saskatchewan	123.7	123.3	116.2	167.7	166.3	145.5
Alberta	134.7	135.6	128.0	182.2	182.6	161.7
British Columbia	114.5	114.7	115.1	161.3	161.1	155.0
Canada - Composite Index	116.7	116.6	116.4	158.5	157.0	148.9
Canada - Manufacturing	115.1	115.5	114.2	157.1	155.4	129.8

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Oct. 1, 1953	Sept. 1, 1953	Oct. 1, 1952
Newfoundland	\$ 59.58	\$ 58.95	\$ 54.92
Prince Edward Island	44.53	44.64	41.43
Nova Scotia	48.70	48.55	46.23
New Brunswick	49.13	49.08	46.21
Quebec	55.01	54.61	52.43
Ontario	60.30	59.56	57.33
Manitoba	55.66	55.70	52.27
Saskatchewan	56.24	55.92	52.04
Alberta	60.12	59.88	56.27
British Columbia	64.35	64.14	61.55
Canada - Composite figure	58.12	57.63	55.12
Canada - Manufacturing	59.74	58.88	57.09

^{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.