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There was a contraction in industrial employment at Nov. 1, when the advance index fell by 1.2 points from Oct. 1, and was half a point lower than at Nov. 1, 1952. This is the first occasion in a lengthy period in which the monthly index has been below its level of a year earlier. Industrial disputes in the lumber industries in British Columbia, with continued losses due to strikes in metal mining, contributed to the reductions at the date under review. The payroll index declined from Oct. 1 and was also lower than at Sept. 1. With these exceptions, it was the highest in the record. The latest general figure of per capita earnings was slightly above the preceding average, establishing a new maximum.

Generally heightened industrial activity as compared with Oct. 1 was noted only in Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan. The curtailment in employment indicated in the remaining areas ranged from 0.2 p.c. in Quebec to 3.8 p.c. in British Columbia, and 4.8 p.c. in Newfoundland. The substantial loss in British Columbia was partly due to labour-management disputes, mentioned above.

The advance index number of employment in manufacturing at Nov. 1 was 1.9 p.c. lower than at the beginning of October, and the amounts distributed in weekly payrolls fell by 1.5 p.c. The average weekly wages and salaries, however, rose by 28 cents, to the highest point on record. Employment in this group of industries was slightly below its level 12 months ago, but continued higher than in the autumn of earlier years. Among the non-manufacturing industries, logging and trade showed seasonal advances in employment. Mining, transportation, storage and communication, construction, and some other classes were quieter.

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Advance Index Numbers<sup>1/</sup> of Employment and Payrolls at Nov. 1, 1953, with Indexes for the Preceding Month and a Year Ago. (1949=100)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Employment</u>			<u>Payrolls</u>		
	Nov. 1, 1953	Oct. 1, 1953	Nov. 1, 1952	Nov. 1, 1953	Oct. 1, 1953	Nov. 1, 1952
Newfoundland	149.3	157.4	150.0	226.4	247.9	212.5
Prince Edward Island	125.2	119.8	127.3	161.0	158.4	158.8
Nova Scotia	103.7	104.7	107.5	132.5	136.0	132.9
New Brunswick	101.7	102.2	106.9	131.5	132.7	130.1
Quebec	116.0	116.2	118.5	156.1	155.7	151.8
Ontario	116.3	117.1	115.8	158.6	159.4	150.8
Manitoba	108.7	110.5	109.5	141.7	144.5	134.5
Saskatchewan	124.1	123.9	117.5	168.3	168.3	145.7
Alberta	132.1	135.0	128.3	161.3	164.1	164.4
British Columbia	110.3	114.6	114.4	156.3	161.5	155.0
Canada - Composite Index	115.7	116.9	116.2	156.4	157.9	150.1
Canada - Manufacturing	113.0	115.2	113.6	154.8	157.1	149.1

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Nov. 1, 1953	Oct. 1, 1953	Nov. 1, 1952
Newfoundland	\$ 56.71	\$ 59.10	\$ 53.15
Prince Edward Island	43.35	44.53	42.44
Nova Scotia	47.76	48.58	46.49
New Brunswick	48.90	49.12	46.61
Quebec	55.30	55.08	52.92
Ontario	60.37	60.26	58.00
Manitoba	55.49	55.69	52.43
Saskatchewan	56.27	56.30	51.52
Alberta	60.38	60.13	57.02
British Columbia	64.70	64.34	61.93
Canada - Composite figure	58.15	58.11	55.65
Canada - Manufacturing	59.97	59.69	57.66

<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.