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Employment reported in the principal non-agricultural industries showed a further decline at Dec. 1, when the index, (1949 = 100), stood at 113.9 as compared with 115.9 at Nov. 1, and 116.1 at Dec. 1, 1952. The expenditures in weekly payrolls fell by 1.6 p.c. in the month, but were 2.4 p.c. above those reported 12 months previously. The advance figure of average weekly wages and salaries in the major industrial groups, at \$58.19, slightly exceeded the previous maximum of \$58.14 at Nov. 1, 1953. The earnings recorded at Dec. 1, 1952, averaged \$56.12.

On the whole, the trend of employment was unfavourable in all provinces except Manitoba, where there was a gain amounting only to 0.1 p.c. in the month. The declines elsewhere indicated ranged from 0.6 p.c. in New Brunswick to 3.9 p.c. in Nova Scotia. Except in Saskatchewan and Alberta, the levels of industrial employment in all provinces were lower than at Dec. 1, 1952. Industrially, there were widely-distributed reductions in the number of workers on the payrolls of the firms co-operating in the survey as compared with Nov. 1. Only trade showed general improvement, seasonal in character.

The advance index number of employment in manufacturing in Canada at Dec. 1 was 1.9 p.c. lower than a month earlier, and 2.3 p.c. below the Dec. 1, 1952, figure. The weekly payrolls in that group of industries decreased by 1.3 p.c. in the month, but were 1.3 p.c. higher than a year earlier. The average weekly earnings reported in manufacturing at Dec. 1 reached a new high of \$60.38, as compared with \$59.98 at Nov. 1, 1953, and \$58.46 at Dec. 1, 1952.

See footnote on page 2.

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

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Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	Dec. 1 1953	Nov. 1 1953	Dec. 1 1952	Dec. 1 1953	Nov. 1 1953	Dec. 1 1952
Newfoundland	141.7	149.8	144.6	205.9	226.1	205.9
Prince Edward Island	121.1	125.2	126.8	157.5	161.0	156.1
Nova Scotia	99.9	103.9	106.0	131.7	132.6	133.4
New Brunswick	101.3	101.9	109.2	130.8	132.0	134.5
Quebec	114.4	116.3	118.7	154.9	156.4	153.9
Ontario	114.8	116.3	115.9	156.7	158.6	152.0
Manitoba	108.8	108.7	110.3	140.7	141.7	135.4
Saskatchewan	122.6	124.1	117.9	161.8	166.1	145.6
Alberta	129.7	132.4	128.5	174.2	180.3	165.2
British Columbia	107.1	110.2	112.0	152.1	156.7	154.3
Canada - Composite Index	113.9	115.9	116.1	155.0	157.4	151.3
Canada - Manufacturing	110.9	113.1	113.5	153.0	155.0	151.0

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Dec. 1 1953	Nov. 1 1953	Dec. 1 1952
Newfoundland	\$ 54.60	\$ 56.69	\$ 53.42
Prince Edward Island	43.84	43.35	41.87
Nova Scotia	49.29	47.71	47.30
New Brunswick	48.80	48.95	47.22
Quebec	55.62	55.25	53.59
Ontario	60.41	60.36	58.36
Manitoba	55.04	55.50	52.41
Saskatchewan	54.71	55.50	51.35
Alberta	59.69	60.47	57.21
British Columbia	64.85	64.94	62.98
Canada - Composite figure	58.19	58.14	56.12
Canada - Manufacturing	60.38	59.98	58.46

<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.