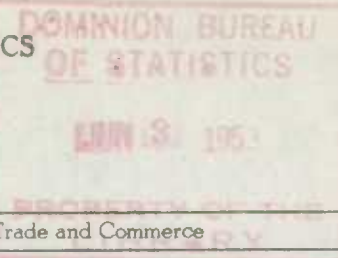




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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY PAYROLLS, APR. 1, 1953.

(These data are subject to revision).

There was little general change in the level of employment in the major non-agricultural industries<sup>1/</sup> at the beginning of April, when the advance industrial composite index, on the 1939 average as 100, was 181.8, as compared with 182.0 at Mar. 1 and 177.9 at Apr. 1, 1952. The reported number of women workers showed an increase, but employment for men was slacker.

Industrial activity was moderately higher than at the beginning of March in Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia. Practically no general change took place in Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan, while the trend was downward in the remaining provinces. There were substantial seasonal reductions in logging, notably in New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario, with a fairly large increase in British Columbia. Manufacturing, construction and trade showed quite general though moderate improvement. Mining was quieter, on the whole, the seasonal losses in Alberta being most pronounced. The advance index of employment in manufacturing generally rose by 0.6 p.c. as compared with Mar. 1, and was 6.6 p.c. higher than at Apr. 1, 1952.

The weekly wages and salaries disbursed by the larger industrial establishments throughout Canada showed only a slight change, the index falling from Mar. 1 by a small fraction. The latest industrial composite figure, however, was 7.8 p.c. higher than at Apr. 1, 1952. In manufacturing, there was an increase in the month amounting to 1.0 p.c., and in the year, to 12 p.c. The advance general average of weekly wages and salaries at the date under review was \$57.24, a little lower than at Mar. 1, and 5.4 p.c. above its level at Apr. 1 of last year. The per capita figure in manufacturing was \$59.36, as compared with \$59.16 a month ago, and \$56.55 12 months earlier.

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<sup>1/</sup>See footnote on page 2.



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Advance Index Numbers<sup>1/</sup> of Employment and Payrolls, Apr. 1, 1953, with Indexes for a Month and a Year Earlier. (1939=100)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Employment</u>			<u>Payrolls</u>		
	Apr. 1, 1953	Mar. 1, 1953	Apr. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1953	Mar. 1, 1953	Apr. 1, 1952
Prince Edward Island	168.0	167.6	213.4	386.5	381.6	376.4
Nova Scotia	145.9	146.7	148.9	333.4	335.9	331.3
New Brunswick	160.8	164.3	192.4	393.3	406.0	442.5
Quebec	168.9	170.6	166.4	433.3	441.1	406.5
Ontario	195.9	195.4	187.6	475.3	474.2	432.3
Manitoba	171.2	170.9	168.3	363.5	362.7	337.1
Saskatchewan	147.4	147.6	142.0	326.9	326.4	294.1
Alberta	220.1	221.3	201.6	499.6	502.4	429.9
British Columbia	186.4	183.1	188.6	447.5	440.9	432.6
Canada - Composite Index	181.8	182.0	177.9	443.6	445.0	411.5
Canada - Manufacturing	200.8	199.5	188.3	523.1	518.0	467.2

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Apr. 1, 1953	Mar. 1, 1953	Apr. 1, 1952
Prince Edward Island	\$ 45.30	\$ 45.32	\$ 35.09
Nova Scotia	48.95	49.05	47.74
New Brunswick	49.74	50.25	46.67
Quebec	54.59	54.98	52.01
Ontario	59.47	59.46	56.49
Manitoba	54.60	54.58	51.37
Saskatchewan	53.70	53.58	50.21
Alberta	57.73	57.76	54.25
British Columbia	62.42	62.59	59.63
Canada - Composite Figure	57.24	57.35	54.32
Canada - Manufacturing	59.36	59.16	56.55

<sup>1/</sup>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.