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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS, MAY 1, 1953.

(These data are subject to revision).

Employment in the major industrial divisions showed an upward movement at the beginning of May, reversing the trend of preceding months. The advance index of employment, on the 1939 base, was 184.1, 1.1 p.c. higher than at Apr. 1, and 3.8 p.c. above its level at May 1, 1952, previously the maximum for the time of year. The weekly payrolls rose by 1.5 p.c. as compared with a month earlier, and were 9.9 p.c. higher than in the corresponding period in 1952. The average weekly wages and salaries advanced to a new all-time high, at \$57.54, as compared with \$57.33 a month earlier, and \$54.34 a year ago.

The improvement at the date under review was widely distributed. Geographically, New Brunswick was an exception, employment declining by 1.4 p.c. in the month, largely as a result of seasonal losses in transportation. The increases elsewhere noted ranged from 0.5 p.c. in Ontario to 1.8 p.c. in British Columbia, 3.2 p.c. in Saskatchewan, and 5.7 p.c. in Prince Edward Island. Industrially, there were quite large gains in construction, transportation, storage and communication, with smaller additions to the working forces in manufacturing, public utility operation, trade, and the service industries for which data are available. Logging camps showed a further considerable reduction in staffs, and mining was rather quieter.

Employment in manufacturing slightly increased, the index showing its fourth successive rise. The gain was smaller than in preceding months, amounting only to 0.2 p.c. The latest index was 6.8 p.c. higher than at May 1, 1952. The index of payrolls rose by 0.3 p.c. in the month, and was 12.3 p.c. above its level 12 months earlier. The preliminary figure of per capita weekly wages and salaries of factory workers at May 1 was \$59.50, as compared with the preceding figure of \$59.44, and \$56.55 at May 1, 1952.



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Advance Index Numbers of Employment and Payrolls, May 1, 1953, with Indexes  
for a Month and a Year Earlier. (1939=100)

Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	May 1, 1953	Apr. 1, 1953	May 1, 1952	May 1, 1953	Apr. 1, 1953	May 1, 1952
Prince Edward Island	177.6	168.0	175.6	406.1	384.9	364.6
Nova Scotia	146.5	145.5	146.2	337.4	332.2	324.9
New Brunswick	159.1	161.3	167.4	386.1	394.5	383.8
Quebec	171.9	169.1	164.2	440.7	435.4	401.0
Ontario	197.0	196.0	188.3	480.1	475.7	432.2
Manitoba	174.6	171.5	170.9	373.8	363.6	342.6
Saskatchewan	152.5	147.7	147.3	340.8	327.3	307.8
Alberta	224.4	220.6	207.0	517.1	501.2	441.6
British Columbia	190.8	187.5	192.7	467.7	451.8	444.5
Canada - Composite Index	184.1	182.1	177.4	451.1	444.6	410.6
Canada - Manufacturing	201.5	201.1	188.7	526.2	524.5	468.4

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	May 1, 1953	Apr. 1, 1953	May 1, 1952
Prince Edward Island	\$45.52	\$45.61	\$41.32
Nova Scotia	49.38	48.97	47.62
New Brunswick	49.35	49.72	46.53
Quebec	54.58	54.83	52.00
Ontario	59.72	59.48	56.27
Manitoba	55.05	54.52	51.57
Saskatchewan	54.12	53.64	50.66
Alberta	58.51	57.80	54.27
British Columbia	63.72	62.65	59.97
Canada - Composite Figure	57.54	57.33	54.34
Canada - Manufacturing	59.50	59.44	56.55

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.