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

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(These data are subject to revision).

There was a substantial increase in industrial employment at the beginning of June, when the index, at 188.1 on the the 1939 base, was 2.5 p.c. higher than at May 1, and 3.1 p.c. above its level at June 1, 1952, previously the maximum for that date. The advances in the month ranged from 1.7 p.c. in Ontario and 2.7 p.c. in Quebec, to 6.1 p.c. in Saskatchewan and 10.7 p.c. in Prince Edward Island. The general improvement approximated that recorded 12 months earlier.

Widely-distributed but moderate gains as compared with May 1 were indicated in manufacturing and in most of the non-manufacturing industries, notably construction and transportation, storage and communication. Logging afforded more employment in New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia; river-drives in Eastern Canada, particularly in Quebec, required re-employment of large numbers of men. Trade was more active in most areas.

The index number of payrolls in Canada rose by 2.9 p.c. as compared with May 1, and was 10 p.c. above its level at June 1, 1952. The general figure of per capita weekly earnings advanced from \$57.51 at May 1 to a new peak of \$57.70 at June 1. Twelve months earlier, the average was \$54.08.

The index number of employment in manufacturing at June 1 was 202.4. 0.8 p.c. higher than a month earlier, and 6.0 p.c. above the June 1, 1952 figure. The index number of factory payrolls rose by 0.9 p.c. in the month. As compared with June 1 of last year, there was a rise of 12.4 p.c. in the amounts disbursed in weekly wages and salaries by the larger industrial establishments. The weekly earnings reported in manufacturing at June 1 averaged \$59.48, as compared with \$59.44 at May 1, 1953, and \$56.10 at June 1, 1952.

See footnote on page 2.



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

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K 1 - 1978	Employment			Payrolls		
Ares	June 1,	May 1.	June 1,	June 1,	May 1,	June 1,
	1953	1953	1952	1953	1953	1952
Prince Edward Island	195.0	176.2	191.7	446.7	405.4	404.9
Nova Scotia	151.8	146.6	151.5	343.2	337.9	326.0
New Brunswick	166.7	158.6	174.6	399.2	385.5	383.4
Quebec	175.7	171.1	170.9	451.7	438.6	413.0
Ontaric	199.5	196.3	191.6	487.2	477.8	438.5
Maniteba	179.8	174.7	176.6	387.3	374.1	357.6
Saskatchewan	161.8	152.5	158.5	367.2	341.2	334.4
Alberta	231.9	222.9	214.1	544.1	513.3	464.9
British Columbia	196.3	190.7	195.1	485.7	467.3	452.3
Canada - Composite Index Canada - Manufacturing	188.1	183°5 200°8	182 <b>.</b> 5	462 <b>.</b> 4	449°5	420 <b>.</b> 2

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	June 1, 1953	May 1, 1953	June 1, 1952
Prince Edward Island	\$45.57	\$45.77	\$42.07
Nova Scotia	48.47	49.43	46.10
New Brunswick	48.69	49.44	44.67
Quebea	54.70	54.56	51.45
Ontario	59.82	59,65	56.10
Manitoba	55.38	55.05	52.07
Saskatchewan	54.94	54.15	51.15
Alberta	59.69	58.57	55.23
British Columbia	64 <b>.</b> 36	63,76	60.26
Canada - Composite Figure	5? <mark>.</mark> 70	57.51	54.08
Canada - Manufacturing	59.48	59,44	56.10

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.

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