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## ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS, AUGUST 1, 1953.

(These data are subject to revision).

The monthly survey of employment in the principal industrial divisions<sup>1/</sup> showed further though slight improvement at the first of August, the general index rising by 0.4 p.c. as compared with July 1, and by 1.6 p.c. as compared with Aug. 1, 1952, previously the maximum for midsummer. The situation was affected to some extent by industrial disputes, notably in the mining and truck transportation industries.

Activity increased in all provinces except Quebec and Ontario, where there were fractional declines in the employment indexes as compared with a month earlier. The trend was generally upward in construction, transportation, storage and communications and most other non-manufacturing industries. In logging and manufacturing, however, reductions in personnel were reported.

Industrial payrolls advanced to a new peak at the beginning of August, when the Canada index was 0.6 p.c. higher than at July 1, and 8.9 p.c. above its level a year earlier. Greater expenditures on the whole were reported in both comparisons in all provinces. The payrolls disbursed in manufacturing fell by 0.9 p.c. in the month, partly due to lowered earnings during the vacation season, but were 10.5 p.c. higher than in the same week in 1952.

The average weekly wages and salaries rose in most provinces, the exceptions being Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and British Columbia. In all areas, the per capita earnings were higher in the week of Aug. 1, 1953, than in the same period in 1952 and earlier years. The small decline in the month in the general average in manufacturing was partly due to changes in industrial distribution of the workers reported and partly to lower hours and lower incentive earnings in the holiday season.

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



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

<u>Area</u>	<u>Employment</u>			<u>Payrolls</u>		
	Aug. 1, 1953	July 1, 1953	Aug. 1, 1952	Aug. 1, 1953	July 1, 1953	Aug. 1, 1952
Prince Edward Island	203.6	195.5	207.9	450.8	437.4	429.9
Nova Scotia	156.6	156.3	160.4	353.4	350.7	346.8
New Brunswick	174.2	168.0	172.3	417.9	402.0	392.8
Quebec	177.7	177.8	183.5	455.3	454.6	439.7
Ontario	201.3	202.0	195.9	493.8	493.0	452.6
Manitoba	185.6	183.6	182.7	399.3	396.5	370.3
Saskatchewan	172.7	168.3	166.1	395.5	385.0	355.6
Alberta	246.0	240.1	231.5	574.0	558.4	493.1
British Columbia	205.5	201.5	183.7	504.3	497.7	409.4
Canada - Composite Index	191.9	191.2	188.8	471.8	468.9	433.3
Canada - Manufacturing	202.6	203.5	194.1	524.3	528.8	474.6

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Aug. 1, 1953	July 1, 1953	Aug. 1, 1952
Prince Edward Island	\$ 44.02	\$ 44.47	\$ 41.17
Nova Scotia	48.36	48.09	46.32
New Brunswick	48.77	48.66	46.40
Quebec	54.51	54.40	51.00
Ontario	60.08	59.77	56.62
Manitoba	55.28	55.49	52.12
Saskatchewan	55.43	55.36	52.84
Alberta	59.36	59.18	54.16
British Columbia	63.86	64.28	57.87
Canada - Composite Figure	57.70	57.57	53.89
Canada - Manufacturing	58.93	59.16	55.71

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.