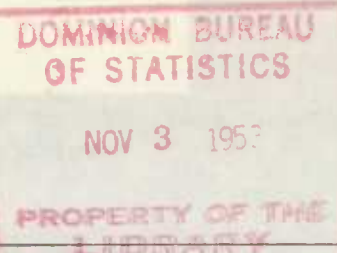


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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,
SEPTEMBER, 1953.

(These data are subject to revision).

A slightly higher level of employment was reported by industrial^{1/} establishments at Sept. 1, when the general index rose by 0.5 p.c. as compared with a month earlier. There was a small reduction in Nova Scotia, chiefly in road construction work, with increases in employment in the other provinces ranging from 0.1 p.c. in Alberta to 0.9 p.c. in New Brunswick. On the 1939 base as 100, the latest Canada figure was 193.1, exceeding the Sept. 1, 1952, index by 1.3 p.c.

The weekly payrolls advanced by 0.7 p.c. in the month, to a new maximum, 7.2 p.c. higher than at the same date last year. The preliminary Sept. 1 average of weekly wages and salaries was \$57.67, 15 cents above the Aug. 1 figure, and \$3.12 higher than at Sept. 1, 1952. The latest per capita figure was exceeded only by the average of \$57.71, recorded at June 1, 1953.

Moderate improvement was recorded in manufacturing, in which employment and payrolls rose by 0.7 p.c. from Aug. 1, in each case to a new high. As compared with Sept. 1, 1952, there were advances of 3.0 p.c. and 7.8 p.c. in the indexes of employment and weekly wages and salaries, respectively. The average weekly earnings showed no general change in the month, but were 4.6 p.c. above their level a year ago.

On the whole, the changes in employment in the non-manufacturing industries for which data are available were not large. Logging showed a small gain. The situation in mining was affected by industrial disputes, notably in Quebec and Ontario. Construction and transportation, storage and communication afforded rather more employment.

^{1/}See footnote on page 2.



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Advance Index Numbers^{1/} of Employment and Payrolls at Sept. 1, 1953, with Indexes for the Preceding Month and a Year Ago. (1939=100)

Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	Sept.1, 1953	Aug. 1, 1953	Sept.1, 1952	Sept.1, 1953	Aug. 1, 1953	Sept.1, 1952
Prince Edward Island	203.8	203.6	209.2	457.7	450.8	431.3
Nova Scotia	155.3	156.9	163.8	351.8	353.2	352.2
New Brunswick	176.8	175.2	183.5	429.6	420.1	409.8
Quebec	179.3	178.1	179.3	461.9	456.1	436.5
Ontario	202.7	201.5	198.3	492.8	490.8	459.2
Manitoba	185.8	185.1	182.7	404.4	399.7	373.2
Saskatchewan	173.6	173.4	164.2	399.5	397.5	351.9
Alberta	246.6	246.3	235.3	579.8	575.3	516.4
British Columbia	206.9	206.2	201.9	510.1	505.9	469.8
Canada - Composite Index	193.1	192.2	190.6	474.7	471.0	442.7
Canada - Manufacturing	204.4	202.9	198.5	529.2	525.3	490.9

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Sept.1, 1953	Aug. 1, 1953	Sept.1, 1952
Prince Edward Island	\$44.64	\$44.02	\$41.04
Nova Scotia	48.55	48.26	46.07
New Brunswick	49.40	48.75	45.44
Quebec	54.83	54.51	51.83
Ontario	59.54	59.66	56.74
Manitoba	55.74	55.30	52.54
Saskatchewan	55.68	55.49	51.91
Alberta	59.82	59.43	55.81
British Columbia	64.15	63.83	60.50
Canada - Composite figure	57.67	57.52	54.55
Canada - Manufacturing	58.94	58.94	56.36

^{1/}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.