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Industrial employment showed a further slight increase at Oct. 1, when the general index, at 113.3 on the 1949 base, was 0.4 p.c. higher than a month earlier. In the 12-month comparison, there was a reduction of 3.1 p.c. Activity advanced moderately from Sept. 1 in most provinces, Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia being the exceptions. The largest decline, of 2.4 p.c., was in Saskatchewan, where there was a substantial loss in construction, and other industries were also quieter. The most noteworthy gains in the provinces showing an upward movement were in Newfoundland, (2.5 p.c.), New Brunswick, (1.6 p.c.), and Quebec, (1.2 p.c.). The increase in Ontario was minor. Industrially the greatest increases were in logging.

With the return of more usual conditions following the vacation season, the reported payrolls were 0.9 p.c. higher than in the week of Sept. 1. The latest index, however, was 1.1 p.c. below its Oct. 1, 1953, position. Wage and salary disbursements rose in the month in all provinces except Saskatchewan and British Columbia. In New Brunswick, Quebec, and the Prairie Provinces, they were also slightly above their level at Oct. 1 in 1953 and earlier years.

The average weekly earnings showed an advance of 34 cents from Sept. 1, and of \$1.16 from Oct. 1, 1953, establishing a new high, at \$59.27. The latest per capita figures in Newfoundland and Saskatchewan were slightly lower than a month earlier. There was no general change in Manitoba. The increases indicated in the remaining provinces varied from 10 cents in Quebec to \$1.71 in Alberta.

The Oct. 1 index of employment in manufacturing was 108.1, as compared with 108.3 at Sept. 1, and 115.2 at Oct. 1 of last year. The payroll index rose by 0.7 p.c. in the month, to 151.8, as compared with 157.1 at the same date in 1953. The average weekly wages and salaries in this group of industries, at \$61.44, were the highest in the record.

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Advance Index Numbers^{1/} of Employment and Payrolls at Oct. 1, 1954, with Indexes for the Preceding Month and a Year Ago. (1949=100)

Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	Oct. 1 1954	Sept. 1 1954	Oct. 1 1953	Oct. 1 1954	Sept. 1 1954	Oct. 1 1953
Newfoundland	142.7	139.2	157.4	208.5	203.8	247.9
Prince Edward Island	120.6	121.2	119.8	157.6	156.3	158.4
Nova Scotia	101.6	101.0	104.7	134.8	132.3	136.0
New Brunswick	102.1	100.5	102.2	138.5	134.8	132.7
Quebec	113.6	112.2	116.2	157.0	154.9	155.7
Ontario	111.7	111.6	117.1	155.6	154.2	159.4
Manitoba	109.4	109.1	110.5	147.1	146.7	144.5
Saskatchewan	123.5	126.5	123.9	168.7	173.2	168.3
Alberta	135.6	136.4	135.0	185.8	181.7	182.7
British Columbia	112.3	113.1	114.6	158.2	158.9	161.5
Canada - Composite Index	113.3	112.9	116.9	157.0	155.6	158.7
Canada - Manufacturing	108.1	108.3	115.2	151.8	150.8	157.1

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Oct. 1 1954	Sept. 1 1954	Oct. 1 1953
Newfoundland	54.84	54.94	59.10
Prince Edward Island	44.04	43.48	44.53
Nova Scotia	49.63	48.98	48.58
New Brunswick	50.84	50.26	49.12
Quebec	56.79	56.69	55.00
Ontario	61.62	61.17	60.26
Manitoba	57.19	57.19	55.69
Saskatchewan	56.54	56.69	56.30
Alberta	60.85	59.14	60.13
British Columbia	64.28	64.14	64.34
Canada - Composite figure	59.27	58.93	58.11
Canada - Manufacturing	61.44	60.87	59.69

^{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.