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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,
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Employment as reported by establishments in the major non-agricultural industries showed a further decline at Dec. 1, when the index, (1949=100), stood at 112.6, as compared with 113.0 at Nov. 1, and 114.1 at Dec. 1, 1953. The expenditures in weekly payrolls fell by 0.5 p.c. in the month, but were 0.9 p.c. above those reported 12 months previously. The advance figure of per capita weekly wages and salaries, at \$59.62, though slightly less than the all-time maximum of \$59.78 at Nov. 1, 1954, was the highest in the record for Dec. 1.

On the whole, smaller staffs than at Nov. 1 were reported in all provinces except New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario. The gain in the employment index in New Brunswick amounted to 3.0 p.c., while the improvement in the other two was slight. The declines elsewhere indicated ranged from 0.4 p.c. in each of the Prairie Provinces to 2.9 p.c. in British Columbia. Except in Quebec, Saskatchewan and Alberta, industrial activity generally was at a moderately lower level than at Dec. 1, 1953.

Among the major industrial divisions, the trend in most areas was downward in manufacturing, construction, transportation, storage and communication and in the service industries surveyed. Trade in all provinces afforded more employment, and logging also showed seasonal improvement in many parts of the country.

The advance index number of employment in manufacturing in Canada at Dec. 1, 1954, was 0.8 p.c. lower than a month earlier, and 4.9 p.c. below the Dec. 1, 1953, figure. The weekly payrolls in that group of industries fell by 0.5 p.c. in the month, and were 2.0 p.c. lower than a year earlier. The average weekly earnings reported in manufacturing at Dec. 1 reached a new high, at \$62.04, as compared with \$61.89 at Nov. 1, 1954, and \$60.29 at Dec. 1, 1953.

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

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Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	Dec. 1 1954	Nov. 1 1954	Dec. 1 1953	Dec. 1 1954	Nov. 1 1954	Dec. 1 1953
Newfoundland	137.8	141.1	141.3	198.8	202.5	205.1
Prince Edward Island	120.5	121.5	121.1	155.8	158.9	157.5
Nova Scotia	98.6	101.2	100.2	130.7	132.8	132.0
New Brunswick	101.9	96.9	102.3	136.7	133.0	131.9
Quebec	115.5	115.3	114.6	158.7	158.1	155.2
Ontario	110.9	110.8	114.8	155.2	155.9	156.3
Manitoba	107.5	107.9	108.8	144.0	145.9	140.7
Saskatchewan	123.4	123.9	122.7	170.3	172.8	162.0
Alberta	133.1	133.6	130.1	185.0	187.3	174.9
British Columbia	107.1	110.3	107.1	152.6	157.2	152.2
Canada - Composite Index	112.6	113.0	114.1	156.3	157.2	154.9
Canada - Manufacturing	105.5	106.3	110.9	149.7	150.5	152.8

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Dec. 1 1954	Nov. 1 1954	Dec. 1 1953
Newfoundland	\$54.13	\$53.85	\$54.54
Prince Edward Island	43.59	44.08	43.84
Nova Scotia	49.58	49.09	49.25
New Brunswick	50.76	50.85	48.80
Quebec	57.30	57.21	55.62
Ontario	61.92	62.22	60.28
Manitoba	56.97	57.50	55.03
Saskatchewan	57.09	57.71	54.71
Alberta	61.68	62.21	59.71
British Columbia	65.02	65.05	64.35
Canada - Composite figure	59.62	59.78	58.13
Canada - Manufacturing	62.04	61.99	60.29

^{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 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 earnings will be issued some days hence.