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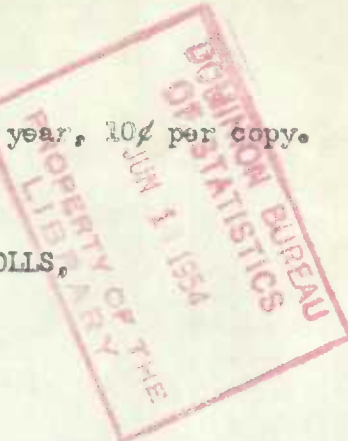
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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY PAYROLLS,
APRIL 1, 1954.



(These data are subject to revision)

There was a further recession in industrial employment at the beginning of April. The advance industrial composite index, on the 1949 average as 100, then stood at 105.5 as compared with 106.6 a month earlier, and 110.0 at Apr. 1, 1953. Losses were reported among men and women employees in both comparisons.

Industrial activity was moderately higher than at the beginning of March in Newfoundland, Manitoba and British Columbia. The declines in staffs elsewhere indicated ranged from 1.1 p.c. in Alberta to 4.2 p.c. in New Brunswick and 9.7 p.c. in Prince Edward Island, where snow removal operations had occasioned a considerable increase in employment in the preceding survey week.

Industrially, the most pronounced reductions took place in logging, transportation and manufacturing. The advance index of employment in the last-named fell by 0.5 p.c. as compared with Mar. 1, and was 4.5 p.c. lower than at Apr. 1, 1953. Mining was also quieter than at Mar. 1, notably in Nova Scotia and Alberta. The trend was favourable in the remaining major industrial divisions for which data are available.

The weekly wages and salaries disbursed by the larger industrial establishments throughout Canada showed a reduction of 1.3 p.c. in the month, and were 0.7 p.c. lower than at Apr. 1 a year ago. In manufacturing, the decrease in the month amounted to 0.4 p.c., and in the year, to 1.2 p.c. The advance general figure of per capita weekly wages and salaries at the date under review was \$59.06, slightly below the Mar. 1 average of \$59.22, but 3.0 p.c. higher than at Apr. 1, 1953. The per capita earnings in manufacturing stood at \$61.21, a new maximum, as compared with \$61.13 a month ago, and \$59.43 12 months earlier.

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Advance Index Numbers^{1/} of Employment and Payrolls, April 1, 1954, with Indexes for a Month and a Year Earlier. (1949=100)

Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	Apr. 1 1954	Mar. 1 1954	Apr. 1 1953	Apr. 1 1954	Mar. 1 1954	Apr. 1 1953
Newfoundland	113.1	112.3	122.4	163.1	169.2	175.1
Prince Edward Island	92.5	102.4	104.0	125.1	132.6	140.6
Nova Scotia	92.1	95.2	96.9	124.7	128.6	127.0
New Brunswick	92.8	96.8	96.6	125.2	131.3	126.4
Quebec	103.5	105.2	108.3	143.2	145.8	145.4
Ontario	108.9	110.2	113.2	150.6	152.8	151.3
Manitoba	99.7	99.6	102.9	130.8	131.7	131.3
Saskatchewan	107.4	108.7	105.7	143.0	146.0	136.5
Alberta	118.1	119.4	121.6	158.5	163.5	156.0
British Columbia	101.4	98.5	104.6	143.0	138.6	143.3
Canada - Composite Index	105.5	106.6	110.0	145.6	147.6	146.7
Canada - Manufacturing	107.7	108.3	112.9	150.7	151.2	152.6

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Apr. 1 1954	Mar. 1 1954	Apr. 1 1953
Newfoundland	\$54.14	\$56.57	\$53.25
Prince Edward Island	45.58	43.62	45.61
Nova Scotia	50.69	50.57	48.97
New Brunswick	51.05	51.32	49.72
Quebec	56.83	56.89	54.83
Ontario	61.22	61.36	59.48
Manitoba	55.83	56.29	54.52
Saskatchewan	55.17	55.66	53.64
Alberta	59.80	60.80	57.78
British Columbia	64.37	64.25	62.64
Canada - Composite Figure	59.06	59.22	57.33
Canada - Manufacturing	61.21	61.13	59.44

^{1/} 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.