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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,
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(These data are subject to revision).

There was considerable expansion in industrial employment at the beginning of June, when the index, at 108.9 on the 1949 base, was 2.5 p.c. higher than at May 1, showing a greater increase than at June 1, 1953. Since then, however, the index has fallen by 3.1 p.c. There were provincial gains in the month ranging from 1.5 p.c. in Nova Scotia to 6.2 p.c. in Newfoundland and 13.7 p.c. in Prince Edward Island. The increases in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia were 3.0 p.c., 1.6 p.c. and 2.6 p.c., respectively.

Widely-distributed but moderate improvement as compared with May 1 was indicated in manufacturing and non-manufacturing industries, notably forestry, construction and transportation, storage and communication. Logging afforded more employment in all except the Prairie Provinces. The gains in Eastern Canada were largely due to river-drives.

The industrial composite index of payrolls in Canada rose by 1.3 p.c. as compared with May 1, but was 1.8 p.c. below its position at June 1, 1953. The observance of the May 24th holiday in many establishments during the period under review occasioned some losses, and was partly responsible for a decline of 71 cents in the average weekly wages and salaries. At \$58.44, however, the latest per capita figure was the maximum in the record for the time of year, 1.2 p.c. higher than in the week of June 1, 1953.

The index number of factory employment was 107.7, 0.4 p.c. higher than a month earlier, but 5.0 p.c. below the figure 12 months earlier. Largely reflecting time lost during the holiday falling in the week of June 1, the weekly wages and salaries declined by 0.8 p.c. in the month. As compared with the same period in 1953, there was a reduction of 3.2 p.c. in the index. The weekly earnings reported in manufacturing at June 1 averaged \$60.57, as compared with \$61.30 at May 1, 1954, and \$59.43 at June 1, 1953.

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

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Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	June 1 1954	May 1 1954	June 1 1953	June 1 1954	May 1 1954	June 1 1953
Newfoundland	125.1	117.9	144.1	183.7	167.1	222.4
Prince Edward Island	111.0	97.6	113.8	148.7	132.8	160.6
Nova Scotia	94.3	92.8	100.7	124.3	124.8	130.1
New Brunswick	94.9	90.2	99.6	124.3	120.5	127.8
Quebec	107.6	104.5	111.8	145.7	144.1	148.9
Ontario	110.7	109.0	113.7	151.7	151.1	153.5
Manitoba	102.9	100.4	106.7	135.2	132.3	138.6
Saskatchewan	116.7	110.0	115.1	156.6	147.4	152.4
Alberta	124.6	119.0	127.7	166.1	160.4	169.3
British Columbia	105.9	103.2	108.1	151.0	147.6	152.7
Canada - Composite Index	108.9	106.2	112.4	148.7	146.8	151.5
Canada - Manufacturing	107.7	107.3	113.4	149.1	150.3	154.0

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	June 1 1954	May 1 1954	June 1 1953
Newfoundland	\$55.10	\$53.22	\$58.37
Prince Edward Island	45.16	45.84	45.57
Nova Scotia	49.35	50.33	48.31
New Brunswick	49.55	50.54	48.55
Quebec	55.62	56.63	54.72
Ontario	60.66	61.40	59.78
Manitoba	55.89	56.07	55.37
Saskatchewan	55.59	55.49	54.88
Alberta	59.18	59.82	59.83
British Columbia	65.07	65.24	64.55
Canada - Composite figure	58.44	59.15	57.72
Canada - Manufacturing	60.57	61.30	59.43

^{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.