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ADVANCE STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY PAYROLLS,
JULY 1, 1954.

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The upward trend in industrial employment in Canada continued in June, the industrial composite index number advancing in the month by 2.3 p.c. to 111.5 at July 1. This was 3.0 p.c. below the July 1, 1953, index number of 114.9. Increased activity in the month was reported in all industries and provinces; the advances were generally of a seasonal nature, with the construction industry reporting the largest gains.

Accompanying the upward movement in employment were increased payroll disbursements throughout the country. The industrial composite payroll index, at 153.4 for the week of July 1, represented an increase of 3.0 p.c. over June 1. Except for the July 1, 1953, index of 154.5, it was the highest recorded at this season. According to the preliminary figures, average weekly wages and salaries advanced by 44 cents in the month to \$58.86, \$1.29 above the July 1, 1953, average and, except for 3 months this spring, the highest on record.

Employment in manufacturing increased in the month by 1 point to 108.7 at July 1, 5.2 p.c. below the index number of 114.7 a year earlier. Larger staffs than at June 1 were reported in all provinces except Prince Edward Island, which showed no change. Payroll disbursements were also larger than they were a month earlier, the Canada index rising by 1.4 p.c. to 151.5, 2.3 p.c. below the July 1, 1953, index of 155.0. Weekly wages and salaries in manufacturing plants at July 1 averaged \$61.00 as compared with \$60.72 a month earlier and \$59.16 at July 1 of the preceding year.

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

<u>Area</u>	<u>Employment</u>			<u>Payrolls</u>		
	July 1 1954	June 1 1954	July 1 1953	July 1 1954	June 1 1954	July 1 1953
Newfoundland	134.0	122.2	154.7	195.2	178.0	239.5
Prince Edward Island	113.2	111.0	119.6	150.6	148.7	157.9
Nova Scotia	98.7	96.1	103.9	131.4	126.0	133.6
New Brunswick	98.2	95.4	100.4	130.1	124.8	129.2
Quebec	110.5	107.7	113.7	150.6	145.8	151.0
Ontario	112.2	110.7	115.7	155.0	151.8	156.2
Manitoba	105.6	103.2	109.3	140.6	135.4	142.4
Saskatchewan	122.6	116.9	119.7	165.6	156.8	159.9
Alberta	130.4	124.7	131.3	175.7	166.4	174.8
British Columbia	108.5	106.3	111.6	155.4	151.6	156.9
Canada - Composite Index	111.5	109.0	114.9	153.4	148.9	154.5
Canada - Manufacturing	108.7	107.7	114.7	151.5	149.4	155.0

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	July 1 1954	June 1 1954	July 1 1953
Newfoundland	\$54.70	\$54.69	\$58.12
Prince Edward Island	44.84	45.16	44.47
Nova Scotia	49.78	49.08	48.09
New Brunswick	50.12	49.48	48.66
Quebec	55.99	55.61	54.40
Ontario	61.16	60.67	59.77
Manitoba	56.64	55.82	55.49
Saskatchewan	55.96	55.56	55.36
Alberta	59.84	59.25	59.18
British Columbia	65.32	65.05	64.28
Canada - Composite figure	58.86	58.42	57.57
Canada - Manufacturing	61.00	60.72	59.16

^{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.