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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,
SEPTEMBER, 1954.

(These data are subject to revision)

Industrial establishments reported a slight increase in their employment at Sept. 1, the general index rising by 0.2 p.c. as compared with a month earlier. There were small advances in most provinces, Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Alberta being the exceptions. The most noteworthy gains were those of 0.8 p.c. in Quebec and 0.9 p.c. in British Columbia, in both of which manufacturing showed improvement; in Quebec, construction also afforded more employment. The largest losses on the whole took place in Alberta, mainly in construction.

Partly as a result of vacations, and partly reflecting short-time in some industries due to slackness in business, the payroll index declined by 0.2 p.c. at Sept. 1, when it was also slightly lower than at Sept. 1, 1953. The preliminary figure of average weekly wages and salaries at the date under review was \$58.95, down 22 cents from Aug. 1, but \$1.34 higher than in the same period last year.

A moderately upward movement in employment was shown at the beginning of September in logging, manufacturing and construction. Mining released a number of workers, notably in Nova Scotia. Little change on the whole was indicated in public utility operation, trade, finance, insurance and real estate, and in the service industries surveyed.

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

Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	Sept.1 1954	Aug. 1 1954	Sept.1 1953	Sept.1 1954	Aug. 1 1954	Sept.1 1953
Newfoundland	138.8	139.1	156.0	202.9	203.0	245.1
Prince Edward Island	121.2	119.4	124.7	156.3	156.7	165.2
Nova Scotia	100.8	100.2	104.0	132.1	133.4	135.0
New Brunswick	100.4	101.0	107.1	133.6	132.5	139.1
Quebec	111.3	110.9	115.6	154.3	152.7	153.7
Ontario	111.4	111.3	116.5	154.1	154.8	156.6
Manitoba	108.7	108.5	111.1	146.2	145.5	145.4
Saskatchewan	126.1	127.7	123.3	172.6	175.9	166.3
Alberta	134.6	137.0	135.6	179.2	185.7	182.6
British Columbia	113.0	112.0	114.7	158.9	159.0	161.1
Canada - Composite Index	112.6	112.3	116.6	155.1	155.4	157.0
Canada - Manufacturing	108.3	108.0	115.6	150.6	150.8	155.4

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Sept.1 1954	Aug. 1 1954	Sept.1 1953
Newfoundland	\$54.87	\$54.77	\$58.95
Prince Edward Island	43.48	44.27	44.64
Nova Scotia	49.04	49.81	48.55
New Brunswick	50.33	49.63	49.06
Quebec	56.67	56.55	54.61
Ontario	61.22	61.53	59.51
Manitoba	57.18	57.02	55.70
Saskatchewan	56.64	57.03	55.92
Alberta	59.11	60.17	59.88
British Columbia	64.14	64.79	64.14
Canada - Composite figure	58.95	59.17	57.61
Canada - Manufacturing	60.83	61.07	58.83

^{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.