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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,
OCTOBER, 1955.

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The Oct. 1 index number of employment, at 118.3 on the 1949 base, showed no change from a month earlier. Improvement recorded in a number of industrial groups was offset by curtailment in other classes, notably by the serious losses occasioned by labour-management disputes in automotive plants. In spite of this factor, the latest index was 4.3 p.c. higher than at Oct. 1, 1954. The payroll index rose by 0.6 p.c. in the month to a new peak of 170.0, as compared with 157.1 a year ago.

Employment was rather more active in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Quebec, declining moderately in other areas. The largest loss, of 1.3 p.c., was in British Columbia, when the index was nevertheless 6.7 p.c. higher than at Oct. 1, 1954.

The general trend was upward in forestry and trade, in both of which the improvement was seasonal. Reductions in staffs were reported in Canada as a whole in the remaining industrial divisions surveyed. Factory employment fell by 0.7 p.c., as a result of strikes. The weekly wages and salaries disbursed in manufacturing, however, rose by 0.5 p.c. as compared with a month earlier. At 165.7, the Oct. 1 payroll index was the highest in the record.

The general average of weekly earnings showed an advance of 35 cents from Sept. 1, and of \$2.21 from Oct. 1, 1954, establishing a new high, at \$61.46. The latest per capita figures in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and Alberta were slightly lower than a month earlier. Elsewhere the averages were higher. The figures in all provinces except Newfoundland exceeded those reported 12 months earlier.

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Advance Index Numbers^{1/} of Employment and Payrolls at Oct. 1, 1955, with Indexes for the Preceding Month and a Year Ago. (1949=100)

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Employment

Payrolls

<u>Area</u>	<u>Oct. 1</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>Sept. 1</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>Oct. 1</u> <u>1954</u>	<u>Oct. 1</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>Sept. 1</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>Oct. 1</u> <u>1954</u>
Newfoundland	147.3	144.1	143.5	213.7	214.6	210.9
Prince Edward Island	122.6	123.6	120.6	162.1	162.9	157.6
Nova Scotia	103.1	101.6	101.5	137.6	136.7	134.7
New Brunswick	110.9	111.4	102.0	151.2	150.5	137.1
Quebec	118.6	117.6	113.8	171.0	168.8	157.2
Ontario	116.8	117.0	111.8	169.5	167.9	155.7
Manitoba	109.5	109.6	109.2	151.0	151.1	146.3
Saskatchewan	124.0	126.3	123.6	176.2	179.6	168.8
Alberta	142.6	143.8	135.5	200.1	202.9	185.5
British Columbia	120.2	121.8	112.6	174.7	176.1	159.1
Canada - Composite Index	118.3	118.3	113.4	170.0	169.0	157.1
Canada - Manufacturing	113.2	114.0	108.1	165.7	164.9	151.8

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	<u>Oct. 1</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>Sept. 1</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>Oct. 1</u> <u>1954</u>
Newfoundland	\$54.43	\$55.88	\$55.15
Prince Edward Island	44.59	44.41	44.04
Nova Scotia	49.94	50.32	49.66
New Brunswick	51.57	51.11	50.85
Quebec	59.22	58.90	56.75
Ontario	64.17	63.47	61.61
Manitoba	58.62	58.60	56.96
Saskatchewan	58.77	58.81	56.51
Alberta	62.30	62.66	60.70
British Columbia	66.31	65.94	64.45
Canada - Composite figure	61.46	61.11	59.25
Canada - Manufacturing	63.99	63.24	61.39

^{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.