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## ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS, NOVEMBER, 1955.

(These data are subject to revision)

Industrial employment declined slightly at Nov. 1, when the preliminary index on 1949 as 100, was 118.2 as compared with 118.5 a month earlier. Industrial disputes continued to have an important effect upon the situation. The latest industrial composite index was nevertheless 5.1 p.c. higher than at Nov. 1, 1954, also exceeding the figure for that date in any earlier year. The payroll index rose by 0.9 p.c. from Oct. 1, and, at 171.9, established a new maximum, 9.4 p.c. higher than at Nov. 1, 1954.

Employment was rather more active than at the beginning of October in Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Ontario, elsewhere showing curtailment. The most pronounced falling off (2.2 p.c.) was in Alberta. Except in Saskatchewan, where no general change was indicated, the provincial index numbers were higher than at the same date 12 months earlier.

The general movement as compared with Oct. 1, 1955, was unfavourable in manufacturing, (in which labour-management disputes were a weighty factor), and in construction, transportation, storage and communication, public utility operation, and in the service industries surveyed. There was no general change in mining. Employment increased in forestry, trade and finance, insurance and real estate. In spite of a loss of 0.6 p.c. in the staffs reported in manufacturing, factory payrolls advanced by 0.4 p.c., bringing the index to 166.8, a new high.

The average weekly wages and salaries rose from \$61.49 at Oct. 1 to \$62.18 in the week of Nov. 1, as compared with \$59.78 at Nov. 1, 1954. The latest per capita figure was the highest in the record. Except in Prince Edward Island, the Nov. 1 general averages in all provinces exceeded those recorded a month earlier, and in all areas were above their levels at Nov. 1, 1954.

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Advance Index Numbers<sup>1/</sup> of Employment and Payrolls at Nov. 1, 1955, with Indexes for the Preceding Month and a Year Ago. (1949=100)

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Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	Nov. 1 1955	Oct. 1 1955	Nov. 1 1954	Nov. 1 1955	Oct. 1 1955	Nov. 1 1954
Newfoundland	147.0	147.5	141.1	217.1	214.1	202.5
Prince Edward Island	129.9	124.2	121.5	171.7	164.3	158.9
Nova Scotia	101.5	103.2	101.2	137.1	138.1	132.8
New Brunswick	109.1	110.7	98.9	150.0	150.8	133.0
Quebec	119.3	118.8	113.5	173.0	171.5	158.1
Ontario	117.2	117.1	110.2	171.8	170.0	155.9
Manitoba	109.2	109.7	107.9	151.9	151.2	145.9
Saskatchewan	123.9	123.9	123.9	176.1	175.6	172.8
Alberta	139.5	142.7	133.6	203.2	200.1	187.3
British Columbia	118.8	120.4	110.3	175.9	175.1	157.2
Canada - Composite Index	118.2	118.5	112.5	171.9	170.4	157.2
Canada - Manufacturing	112.7	113.4	106.3	166.8	166.2	150.5

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Nov. 1 1955	Oct. 1 1955	Nov. 1 1954
Newfoundland	\$55.43	\$54.46	\$53.85
Prince Edward Island	44.56	44.60	44.08
Nova Scotia	50.56	50.08	49.09
New Brunswick	52.00	51.50	50.85
Quebec	59.54	59.27	57.21
Ontario	64.85	64.20	62.22
Manitoba	59.16	58.60	57.50
Saskatchewan	58.78	58.62	57.71
Alberta	64.67	62.27	62.21
British Columbia	67.57	66.35	65.05
Canada - Composite figure	62.18	61.49	59.78
Canada - Manufacturing	64.68	64.04	61.89

<sup>1/</sup>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.