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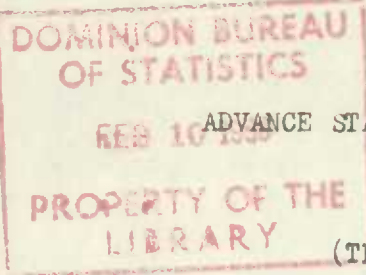
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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,
DECEMBER, 1955.

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Slight curtailment in employment was reported by establishments in the major non-agricultural industries at Dec. 1, when the index, (1949=100), at 117.7, was 0.4 p.c. lower than at Nov. 1, although it was 5.0 p.c. higher than the Dec. 1, 1954, figure of 112.1. The disbursements in weekly wages and salaries fell by 0.5 p.c. in the month, but were 9.3 p.c. above those reported a year earlier. The advance figure of per capita weekly wages and salaries, at \$62.00, though slightly below the all-time maximum of \$62.07 at Nov. 1, 1955, was otherwise the highest in the record, \$2.41 above its level 12 months previously.

On the whole, smaller staffs than at Nov. 1 were reported in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and the four western provinces. The losses ranged from 1.8 p.c. in Manitoba to 6.0 p.c. in Prince Edward Island. The gains in employment elsewhere recorded were small. Except in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, industrial employment generally was more active than at Dec. 1, 1954.

The trend from a month earlier was downward in manufacturing, construction, transportation, storage and communication, public utilities, and in the service industries surveyed. Trade in all provinces except Prince Edward Island afforded more employment. Logging operations also showed seasonal expansion in most parts of the country.

The advance index number of employment in manufacturing in Canada at Dec. 1, 1955, was 0.5 p.c. lower than a month earlier, but was 6.5 p.c. higher than at Dec. 1, 1954. The weekly payrolls in that group of industries declined insignificantly in the month, but were 11.2 p.c. higher than a year earlier. The average weekly earnings reported in manufacturing at Dec. 1 reached a new high, at \$64.78, as compared with \$64.54 at Nov. 1, 1955, and \$62.07 at Dec. 1, 1954.

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

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<u>Area</u>	<u>Employment</u>			<u>Payrolls</u>		
	<u>Dec. 1</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>Nov. 1</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>Dec. 1</u> <u>1954</u>	<u>Dec. 1</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>Nov. 1</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>Dec. 1</u> <u>1954</u>
Newfoundland	141.2	147.9	136.4	207.4	216.7	198.7
Prince Edward Island	122.1	129.9	117.8	164.4	171.7	153.4
Nova Scotia	100.7	99.1	98.5	136.9	135.0	130.5
New Brunswick	109.7	109.6	101.9	149.6	150.6	137.0
Quebec	119.5	119.4	113.7	174.6	173.2	158.5
Ontario	117.1	117.1	110.8	170.8	171.1	155.0
Manitoba	107.2	109.1	107.6	147.7	151.9	144.1
Saskatchewan	121.5	124.2	123.5	172.6	176.3	170.8
Alberta	137.1	140.0	133.7	196.8	203.7	185.5
British Columbia	116.8	119.2	107.1	171.3	176.5	152.5
Canada - Composite Index	117.7	118.2	112.1	170.7	171.6	156.2
Canada - Manufacturing	112.3	112.8	105.4	166.4	166.5	149.7

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	<u>Dec. 1</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>Nov. 1</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>Dec. 1</u> <u>1954</u>
Newfoundland	\$55.11	\$54.98	\$54.56
Prince Edward Island	45.39	44.56	43.92
Nova Scotia	50.88	50.96	49.56
New Brunswick	51.55	51.95	50.83
Quebec	59.94	59.50	57.24
Ontario	64.52	64.66	61.87
Manitoba	58.62	59.20	56.97
Saskatchewan	58.71	58.70	57.20
Alberta	63.74	64.60	61.51
British Columbia	67.03	67.55	64.97
Canada - Composite figure	62.00	62.07	59.59
Canada - Manufacturing	64.78	64.54	62.07

^{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.