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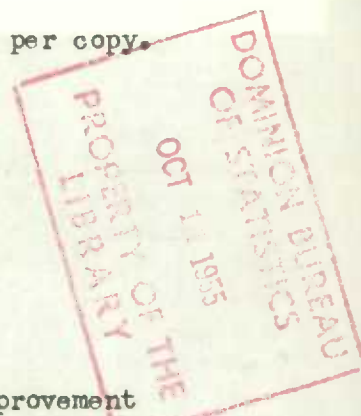
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NE PAS PRETERADVANCE STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,
AUGUST 1, 1955.

(These data are subject to revision)

Industrial employment showed continued though moderate improvement at the first of August, when the general index was 0.6 p.c. higher than at July 1, and 3.3 p.c. higher than at Aug. 1, 1954. At 116.0 on the 1949 base, the latest figure established a new maximum for the time of year. Employment rose from its level of a month earlier in all provinces except Nova Scotia and Ontario, where minor declines largely resulted from a slackening in manufacturing. The gains recorded ranged from 0.5 p.c. in Quebec to 3.3 p.c. in Alberta and 3.7 p.c. in Newfoundland.

Factory employment showed little change on the whole, the index falling insignificantly from July 1. The trend was seasonally downward in forestry and trade. The most noteworthy advances recorded were in construction. The remaining non-manufacturing industries surveyed showed a moderately upward movement.

The weekly wages and salaries paid by the co-operating establishments rose by 1.0 p.c. in the month, bringing the payroll index to a new high. At 165.8, it was 6.7 p.c. above its Aug. 1, 1954, position. In all provinces except Ontario, the disbursements were greater than in the week of July 1, and also exceeded those reported at Aug. 1 a year ago. The average weekly earnings were lower than in the preceding survey in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and Ontario. The declines were slight, as were the increases elsewhere recorded. In all provinces, the general averages were higher than at Aug. 1, 1954.

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

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| Area | Employment | | | Payrolls | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Aug. 1 1955 | July 1 1955 | Aug. 1 1954 | Aug. 1 1955 | July 1 1955 | Aug. 1 1954 |
| Newfoundland | 143.5 | 138.4 | 139.2 | 212.3 | 204.8 | 203.0 |
| Prince Edward Island | 119.3 | 118.2 | 119.4 | 159.5 | 159.0 | 156.7 |
| Nova Scotia | 98.6 | 98.6 | 100.2 | 135.7 | 134.3 | 133.4 |
| New Brunswick | 106.9 | 104.7 | 101.0 | 144.5 | 140.2 | 132.5 |
| Quebec | 114.8 | 114.2 | 110.9 | 163.4 | 161.2 | 152.7 |
| Ontario | 115.4 | 115.7 | 111.3 | 165.4 | 166.1 | 154.8 |
| Manitoba | 108.4 | 107.4 | 108.5 | 150.1 | 147.7 | 145.5 |
| Saskatchewan | 125.8 | 122.7 | 127.7 | 179.3 | 173.3 | 175.9 |
| Alberta | 142.6 | 138.1 | 137.0 | 200.6 | 193.7 | 185.7 |
| British Columbia | 117.6 | 115.1 | 112.0 | 172.5 | 167.8 | 159.0 |
| Canada - Composite Index | 116.0 | 115.3 | 112.3 | 165.8 | 164.1 | 155.4 |
| Canada - Manufacturing | 111.5 | 111.6 | 108.0 | 161.2 | 161.6 | 150.9 |

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

| | Aug. 1 1955 | July 1 1955 | Aug. 1 1954 |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Newfoundland | \$55.50 | \$55.53 | \$54.77 |
| Prince Edward Island | 45.09 | 45.33 | 44.27 |
| Nova Scotia | 51.52 | 50.96 | 49.81 |
| New Brunswick | 51.12 | 50.65 | 49.63 |
| Quebec | 58.42 | 57.92 | 56.55 |
| Ontario | 63.43 | 63.48 | 61.53 |
| Manitoba | 58.89 | 58.44 | 57.02 |
| Saskatchewan | 58.97 | 58.41 | 57.03 |
| Alberta | 62.43 | 62.26 | 60.17 |
| British Columbia | 66.91 | 66.51 | 64.79 |
| Canada - Composite figure | 61.09 | 60.87 | 59.17 |
| Canada - Manufacturing | 63.20 | 63.29 | 61.07 |

^{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.