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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,
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The Oct. 1 index of industrial employment, at 125.8 on the 1949 base as 100, showed little change from the Sept. 1 figure of 125.7, but was 6.2 p.c. higher than at Oct. 1, 1955. Payrolls rose by 1.6 p.c. in the month, bringing the index to 194.2, as compared with 170.4 12 months earlier. Weekly wages and salaries averaged \$66.01, also a new maximum. The preceding per capita figure was \$65.01, and that in the week of Oct. 1, 1955, \$61.49.

The improvement recorded in employment since the last survey took place in Quebec and Ontario, where the indexes rose by 0.6 p.c. and 0.9 p.c., respectively. The trend in the remaining provinces was downward. The largest losses, of a little over 2.0 p.c., were in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Alberta. All provinces reported generally higher levels of employment and payrolls than in the same period of 1955. Disbursements increased in the month in seven provinces, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan being the exceptions. Per capita weekly wages and salaries were higher in all provinces than in the week of Sept. 1, 1956, and Oct. 1, 1955.

Employment increased moderately in manufacturing, in which payrolls and average earnings showed substantial gains over a month earlier. The trend was seasonally upward in forestry and trade, while the finance, insurance and real estate industries also reported larger working forces. Curtailment, partly seasonal in character, was recorded in mining, construction, transportation, storage and communication, public utility operation and in the service industries surveyed.

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Advance Index Numbers^{1/} of Employment and Payrolls at Oct. 1, 1956, with Indexes for the Preceding Month and a Year Ago. (1949=100)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Employment</u>			<u>Payrolls</u>		
	Oct. 1 <u>1956</u>	Sept.1 <u>1956</u>	Oct. 1 <u>1955</u>	Oct. 1 <u>1956</u>	Sept.1 <u>1956</u>	Oct. 1 <u>1955</u>
Newfoundland	154.7	156.1	147.5	246.0	242.7	214.1
Prince Edward Island	127.3	127.3	124.2	181.0	177.2	164.3
Nova Scotia	104.5	106.9	103.2	150.3	152.1	138.1
New Brunswick	113.9	116.7	110.7	168.4	172.6	150.8
Quebec	125.9	125.2	118.8	194.6	190.7	171.5
Ontario	124.5	123.4	117.1	191.8	187.3	170.0
Manitoba	113.1	113.8	109.7	165.9	165.6	151.2
Saskatchewan	129.6	131.0	123.9	200.7	202.2	175.6
Alberta	158.7	162.5	142.7	250.1	249.5	200.1
British Columbia	129.5	131.0	120.4	205.5	203.5	175.1
Canada - Composite Index	125.8	125.7	118.5	194.2	191.0	170.4
Canada - Manufacturing	118.4	118.0	113.4	184.0	180.1	166.2

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Oct. 1 <u>1956</u>	Sept.1 <u>1956</u>	Oct. 1 <u>1955</u>
Newfoundland	\$59.65	\$58.34	\$54.46
Prince Edward Island	47.93	46.92	44.60
Nova Scotia	53.86	53.25	50.08
New Brunswick	55.93	55.91	51.50
Quebec	63.42	62.51	59.27
Ontario	68.16	67.17	64.20
Manitoba	62.34	61.84	58.60
Saskatchewan	64.01	63.79	58.62
Alberta	70.00	68.22	62.27
British Columbia	72.39	70.84	66.35
Canada - Composite figure	66.01	65.01	61.49
Canada - Manufacturing	67.93	66.71	64.04

^{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.