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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,
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There was a further fractional rise in the index of industrial employment at Nov. 1, bringing the preliminary figure to 126.0 as compared with 125.9 at Oct. 1 and 118.2 at Nov. 1, 1955, (1949=100). Wage and salary disbursements and average weekly earnings also reached new peaks. The payroll index was 195.0, as compared with 194.5 and 171.4 a month and a year earlier, respectively. The per capita figure in the week of Nov. 1, 1956, was \$66.19, up 12 cents from the preceding survey, and \$4.22 above the average at Nov. 1, 1955.

Employment was rather more active than at the beginning of October in Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario, with the greatest gain, (0.9 p.c.) in Ontario. The largest decline, of 2.2 p.c., was in British Columbia. In all provinces except Prince Edward Island, the latest index numbers were above those recorded 12 months earlier. Payrolls and average weekly wages and salaries were higher in that comparison in all provinces.

On the whole, staffs slightly declined in manufacturing from their Oct. 1, 1956, levels. The general movement was also unfavourable in construction, transportation, storage and communication, public utility operation, finance, insurance and real estate and in the service industries surveyed. Improvement was recorded in forestry, mining and trade. With a falling off of 0.1 p.c. in factory forces, payrolls rose by 0.6 p.c., bringing the index to a new maximum of 185.6. Weekly earnings in manufacturing averaged \$68.44, a rise of 46 cents in the month and of \$3.90 in the year.

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

Area	<u>Employment</u>			<u>Payrolls</u>		
	Nov. 1 1956	Oct. 1 1956	Nov. 1 1955	Nov. 1 1956	Oct. 1 1956	Nov. 1 1955
Newfoundland	151.6	151.6	147.9	241.8	246.1	216.7
Prince Edward Island	126.6	127.3	129.9	182.1	181.0	171.7
Nova Scotia	105.5	104.6	99.1	149.1	150.6	135.0
New Brunswick	112.8	113.9	109.6	169.6	169.0	150.6
Quebec	126.5	126.1	119.4	196.6	195.1	173.2
Ontario	125.8	124.7	117.1	194.9	192.3	170.6
Manitoba	112.2	113.0	109.1	163.9	165.9	151.9
Saskatchewan	128.8	129.7	121.2	192.3	200.8	176.3
Alberta	155.4	158.3	140.0	244.3	249.1	203.7
British Columbia	127.1	130.0	119.2	200.3	206.4	176.5
Canada - Composite Index	126.9	125.9	118.2	195.0	194.5	171.4
Canada - Manufacturing	118.5	118.6	112.3	185.6	184.5	166.5

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Nov. 1 1956	Oct. 1 1956	Nov. 1 1955
Newfoundland	\$ 59.87	\$ 59.75	\$ 54.98
Prince Edward Island	48.48	47.93	44.56
Nova Scotia	52.89	53.88	50.96
New Brunswick	56.85	56.03	51.95
Quebec	63.79	63.49	59.50
Ontario	68.53	68.23	64.13
Manitoba	62.09	62.37	59.20
Saskatchewan	63.65	63.98	58.70
Alberta	69.85	69.93	64.50
British Columbia	71.94	72.45	67.55
Canada - Composite figure	66.19	66.07	61.97
Canada - Manufacturing	68.44	67.98	64.54

^{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.