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ADVANCE STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY PAYROLLS,
JULY 1, 1956.

(These data are subject to revision)

There was a strongly upward movement in industrial activity at the beginning of July, when the seasonal advance in employment was larger than usual for the time of year. On 1949 as 100, the index rose by 3.6 p.c. from June 1 to 123.9, and the payroll figure by 4.5 p.c. to 187.0, both new all-time highs. Employment was 7.5 p.c. higher than at July 1, 1955, while the gain in wage and salary disbursements amounted to 14 p.c. The per capita weekly earnings stood at \$64.49, also a new peak, as compared with \$63.93 a month earlier, and \$60.87 at July 1, 1955.

The expansion in employment shown in the July 1 survey extended to all provinces and to all principal industries surveyed. The most noteworthy increases, geographically, were in Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Quebec, and industrially, in construction, manufacturing and forestry.

The index in manufacturing rose in the month by 2.3 p.c., bringing the July 1 figure to 118.0, the highest on record, 5.7 p.c. above its position 12 months earlier. There were widespread additions to the working forces in this group of industries, notably in Quebec, where an important factor was resumption of operations in plants strike bound when the last survey was made. The trend of factory payrolls was also generally upward. Weekly wages and salaries in manufacturing plants at the date under review averaged \$66.76. This was 30 cents higher than at June 1, and \$3.48 above the level indicated at July 1 a year ago.

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

<u>Area</u>	<u>Employment</u>			<u>Payrolls</u>		
	<u>July 1</u> <u>1956</u>	<u>June 1</u> <u>1956</u>	<u>July 1</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>July 1</u> <u>1956</u>	<u>June 1</u> <u>1956</u>	<u>July 1</u> <u>1955</u>
Newfoundland	146.2	133.5	138.4	229.7	199.3	204.8
Prince Edward Island	115.7	111.9	118.2	164.9	163.4	159.0
Nova Scotia	104.3	101.7	98.6	148.9	142.1	134.3
New Brunswick	114.9	107.5	104.7	162.1	149.4	140.2
Quebec	124.7	117.4	114.2	186.1	176.2	161.2
Ontario	123.3	121.2	115.7	187.1	181.9	166.1
Manitoba	109.2	106.2	107.4	159.3	151.6	147.7
Saskatchewan	127.2	122.4	122.7	187.8	177.7	173.3
Alberta	155.0	148.5	138.1	233.8	220.8	193.7
British Columbia	124.5	122.1	115.1	195.7	186.6	167.8
Canada - Composite Index	123.9	119.7	115.3	187.0	179.0	164.1
Canada - Manufacturing	118.0	115.4	111.6	180.5	175.7	161.5

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	<u>July 1</u> <u>1956</u>	<u>June 1</u> <u>1956</u>	<u>July 1</u> <u>1955</u>
Newfoundland	\$58.97	\$56.00	\$55.53
Prince Edward Island	48.06	49.24	45.33
Nova Scotia	53.41	52.25	50.96
New Brunswick	53.33	52.52	50.65
Quebec	61.26	61.57	57.92
Ontario	67.09	66.41	63.48
Manitoba	61.49	60.16	58.44
Saskatchewan	61.05	60.05	58.41
Alberta	66.99	66.06	62.26
British Columbia	71.73	69.74	66.51
Canada - Composite figure	64.49	63.93	60.87
Canada - Manufacturing	66.76	66.46	63.28

^{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.