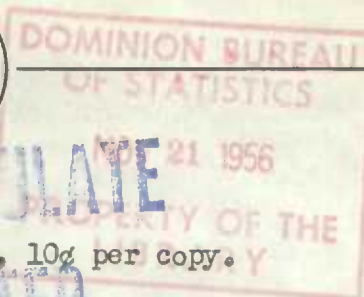


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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,
SEPTEMBER 1, 1956.

(These data are subject to revision)

There was a further but slight gain in industrial employment at Sept. 1, raising the index on the 1949 base to a new maximum of 125.4 as compared with 125.3 a month earlier and 118.3 at Sept. 1, 1955. The trend was upward in six provinces, while staffs were lower in Nova Scotia, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta. On the whole, the area changes were small. The indexes in all provinces were higher than in the same period of last year.

The Canada payroll index, also a new maximum, was 190.6, 0.4 p.c. higher than at Aug. 1, and 12.8 p.c. above the Sept. 1, 1955, figure. Weekly wages and salaries averaged \$65.00, up 22 cents from Aug. 1, and 6.4 p.c. over the per capita figure of \$61.11 at the same date a year ago.

There was moderate improvement in manufacturing in most provinces at the date under review as compared with the last survey, but with a decline of 1.6 p.c. in Ontario, the Canada index was unchanged. The general trends in forestry, mining, trade and finance were favourable. Public utility operation and the service industries surveyed showed practically no change on the whole, while there were small declines in employment in construction and transportation, storage and communication.

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

Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	Sept. 1 1956	Aug. 1 1956	Sept. 1 1955	Sept. 1 1956	Aug. 1 1956	Sept. 1 1955
Newfoundland	155.8	153.8	144.1	242.8	242.8	214.6
Prince Edward Island	127.3	122.6	123.6	177.2	174.7	162.9
Nova Scotia	105.5	105.9	101.6	151.8	151.2	136.7
New Brunswick	116.7	116.5	111.4	172.7	170.2	150.5
Quebec	125.0	124.2	117.6	190.3	187.6	168.8
Ontario	123.2	124.0	117.0	187.0	188.3	167.9
Manitoba	113.8	113.0	109.6	165.8	164.3	151.1
Saskatchewan	130.2	130.7	126.3	200.0	197.5	179.6
Alberta	161.8	162.7	143.8	243.3	246.0	202.9
British Columbia	131.0	129.0	121.8	203.2	200.5	176.1
Canada - Composite Index	125.4	125.3	118.3	190.6	189.9	169.0
Canada - Manufacturing	117.8	117.8	114.0	179.7	179.2	164.9

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Sept. 1 1956	Aug. 1 1956	Sept. 1 1955
Newfoundland	\$58.48	\$59.24	\$55.88
Prince Edward Island	46.92	48.03	44.41
Nova Scotia	53.88	53.42	50.32
New Brunswick	55.95	55.25	51.49
Quebec	62.45	61.95	58.90
Ontario	67.15	67.18	63.47
Manitoba	61.93	61.82	58.60
Saskatchewan	63.52	62.48	58.81
Alberta	68.17	67.16	62.66
British Columbia	70.76	70.94	65.94
Canada - Composite figure	65.00	64.78	61.11
Canada - Manufacturing	66.65	66.47	63.24

^{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.