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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,
JANUARY, 1957.

(These data are subject to revision)

Industrial employment, payrolls and average weekly wages and salaries at the beginning of January showed the downward movement invariably indicated at the time of year. On 1949 as 100, the employment index fell in the month by 3.5 p.c. to 121.3. This was the highest on record for Jan. 1, 5.8 p.c. above the figure 12 months earlier. Payrolls were lower by 7.1 p.c., but at 180.5, the index was 11.3 p.c. higher than at Jan. 1, 1956, previously the maximum for the beginning of January. Weekly wages and salaries averaged \$63.63, down from the Dec. 1 figure of \$66.11, but considerably above that of \$60.54 at Jan. 1 of last year. The declines in the month were greater than in the same period in several years. This was partly due to the observance of the year-end holidays on Tuesday, rather than at the week-end as in the last few years, consequently involving a larger loss in working time.

Employment decreased in all provinces from Dec. 1. There were also general reductions in payrolls and average earnings. The only exception was New Brunswick, where per capita weekly wages and salaries were higher at Jan. 1 than at Dec. 1, although payrolls were lower.

On the whole, the industrial changes in employment recorded at Jan. 1 exceeded those in the corresponding period in 1956 and immediately preceding years. As usual, construction and manufacturing showed the most pronounced declines in the month-to-month comparison. The trend was downward in all major groups except trade, in which the increase was above average for Jan. 1 in the last few years.

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Advance Index Numbers^{1/} of Employment and Payrolls at Jan. 1, 1957, with Indexes for the Preceding Month and a Year Ago. (1949=100)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Employment</u>			<u>Payrolls</u>		
	Jan. 1 <u>1957</u>	Dec. 1 <u>1956</u>	Jan. 1 <u>1956</u>	Jan. 1 <u>1957</u>	Dec. 1 <u>1956</u>	Jan. 1 <u>1956</u>
Newfoundland	125.1	142.5	125.1	192.8	228.8	175.6
Prince Edward Island	109.4	122.2	113.4	154.8	174.8	151.7
Nova Scotia	99.5	104.7	99.5	139.9	148.2	132.8
New Brunswick	109.9	114.1	107.4	165.5	169.2	152.2
Quebec	120.8	127.0	115.6	180.3	197.3	164.6
Ontario	123.5	126.0	115.3	183.4	195.4	163.4
Manitoba	109.1	111.5	105.2	155.4	160.9	144.0
Saskatchewan	120.7	126.6	113.3	183.5	194.0	159.2
Alberta	148.7	154.7	133.6	220.8	237.7	188.2
British Columbia	118.9	124.0	111.4	177.6	196.5	159.2
Canada - Composite Index	121.3	125.7	114.6	180.5	194.3	162.2
Canada - Manufacturing	114.8	118.0	109.8	172.2	185.6	156.9

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Jan. 1 <u>1957</u>	Dec. 1 <u>1956</u>	Jan. 1 <u>1956</u>
Newfoundland	\$57.83	\$60.27	\$52.67
Prince Edward Island	47.74	48.29	45.11
Nova Scotia	52.66	53.04	49.92
New Brunswick	56.95	56.09	53.55
Quebec	61.28	63.76	58.44
Ontario	65.73	68.62	62.70
Manitoba	60.56	61.36	58.23
Saskatchewan	62.90	63.40	58.09
Alberta	66.02	68.29	62.53
British Columbia	68.21	72.34	65.21
Canada - Composite figure	63.63	66.11	60.54
Canada - Manufacturing	65.57	68.78	62.47

^{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.