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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,
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The Oct. 1 index of industrial employment, on the 1949 base as 100, stood at 126.8, a decline of 0.6 p.c. from Sept. 1, but slightly above the Oct. 1, 1956, figure of 125.9. The payroll figure fell from 204.2 at Sept. 1 to 204.1 at the beginning of October, as compared with 194.5 12 months earlier. Weekly wages and salaries averaged \$68.88, a new maximum. The preceding figure was \$68.46, and that in the week of Oct. 1, 1956, \$66.07.

General curtailment in staffs since Sept. 1 was reported by establishments in all provinces except Quebec, where the index advanced by 1.1 p.c. The losses ranged from 0.5 p.c. in Manitoba and 0.9 p.c. in Ontario, to nearly 3 p.c. in each of the Maritime Provinces. Disbursements in weekly wages and salaries increased only in Prince Edward Island and Quebec. Industrial employment generally was more active than a year ago in all except the Atlantic Provinces, and payrolls were higher except in Newfoundland and New Brunswick. Except in Manitoba, average earnings rose in all provinces as compared with the week of Sept. 1, and were generally above their levels at Oct. 1, 1956.

Although employment in manufacturing decreased by 0.4 p.c., weekly wages and salaries rose by almost the same percentage. In the 12-month comparison, the employment index fell slightly, but that of payrolls was higher by 3.1 p.c. Per capita wages and salaries, at \$70.34, established a new high, as compared with \$69.77 at Sept. 1, and \$67.97 at Oct. 1 last year. Staffs were seasonally larger than in the preceding survey in forestry and trade. Finance, insurance and real estate also reported larger working forces. Declines, largely seasonal in character, were 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, 1957, with Indexes for the Preceding Month and a Year Ago. (1949=100)

Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	Oct. 1 1957	Sept. 1 1957	Oct. 1 1956	Oct. 1 1957	Sept. 1 1957	Oct. 1 1956
Newfoundland	142.1	144.7	154.6	235.4	237.0	246.1
Prince Edward Island	126.1	129.9	127.3	195.9	191.6	181.0
Nova Scotia	101.8	104.7	104.6	155.7	157.7	150.6
New Brunswick	105.9	109.0	113.9	162.5	166.2	169.0
Quebec	126.9	125.5	126.1	202.9	200.4	195.1
Ontario	126.2	127.3	124.7	204.0	204.3	192.2
Manitoba	115.3	115.9	113.0	176.6	178.3	165.9
Saskatchewan	135.0	137.0	129.7	216.4	219.1	200.8
Alberta	159.7	162.6	158.3	253.4	255.2	249.1
British Columbia	132.2	135.5	130.0	219.3	222.3	206.4
Canada - Composite Index	126.8	127.6	125.9	204.1	204.2	194.5
Canada - Manufacturing	118.0	118.5	118.6	190.2	189.2	184.4

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Oct. 1 1957	Sept. 1 1957	Oct. 1 1956
Newfoundland	\$62.13	\$61.41	\$59.75
Prince Edward Island	52.16	49.54	47.93
Nova Scotia	57.32	56.44	53.88
New Brunswick	58.03	57.66	56.08
Quebec	65.75	65.62	63.49
Ontario	71.54	71.04	68.22
Manitoba	65.24	65.43	62.37
Saskatchewan	66.31	66.15	63.98
Alberta	70.53	69.76	69.93
British Columbia	75.71	74.88	72.46
Canada - Composite figure	68.88	68.46	66.07
Canada - Manufacturing	70.34	69.77	67.97

^{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.