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

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Notice

To provide users with industry statistics of employment earlier than they can be obtained from the detailed monthly report "Employment and Payrolls", the advance statement is being extended to give preliminary figures for the non-manufacturing divisions surveyed, in addition to those for manufacturing and for the provinces previously shown.

A reduction of 1.3 p.c. in the staffs of industrial establishments at Nov. 1 brought the preliminary index of employment to 125.3 on the 1949 average as 100, as compared with 126.9 at Oct. 1, 1957. With the exception of the Nov. 1, 1956, figure of 126.2, the latest index is the highest on record for the beginning of November. Wage and salary disbursements also declined in the month by 1.3 p.c., but the index, at 201.4, was 3.1 p.c. higher than at Nov. 1, 1956, previously a peak for the time of year. Per capita earnings in the week of Nov. 1, 1957, stood at \$68.31, down three cents from the preceding survey, but otherwise an all-time high. The average 12 months earlier was \$66.24.

Employment generally rose moderately in forestry and trade, in a seasonal movement, but was curtailed in the remaining industrial divisions surveyed. The decline of 1.6 p.c. recorded in manufacturing was larger than at Nov. 1, 1956, when the index (118.6) was a little above the latest figure of 116.2. A loss of 1.2 p.c. in factory payrolls in the month brought the index to 188.4, as compared with 185.9 a year earlier. Average weekly wages and salaries reached a new peak at \$70.84, as against \$70.29 at Oct. 1, 1957, and \$68.53 at Nov. 1, 1956.

On the whole, staffs were lower in all provinces than at the beginning of October. The most pronounced contraction of 4.5 p.c. was in British Columbia. Except in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, industrial activity generally was also less than at Nov. 1, 1956. The index numbers in most provinces, however, were higher than in the same period in 1955 and earlier years.

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Advance Index Numbers of Employment at Nov. 1, 1957, with Provincial
Averages of Weekly Wages and Salaries
(1949=100)

Area and Industry	<u>Employment Indexes</u>			<u>Average Weekly Wages and Salaries</u>		
	Nov. 1	Oct. 1	Nov. 1	Nov. 1	Oct. 1	Nov. 1
	<u>1957</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1956</u>
				\$	\$	\$
<u>A. Provinces</u>						
Newfoundland	138.7	142.2	151.2	61.30	62.12	59.88
Prince Edward Island	124.9	127.4	126.6	49.09	52.24	48.48
Nova Scotia	100.8	102.0	105.7	56.76	57.30	52.84
New Brunswick	103.6	106.1	112.8	58.37	57.99	56.86
Quebec	126.0	126.9	126.5	65.86	65.76	63.80
Ontario	125.6	126.3	126.0	71.82	71.47	68.63
Manitoba	113.9	115.4	112.2	64.71	65.14	62.10
Saskatchewan	132.5	134.7	128.7	66.00	66.31	63.56
Alberta	154.7	160.6	155.6	69.78	70.48	69.86
British Columbia	126.2	132.1	127.6	74.65	75.62	72.02
Canada - Composite Index	125.3	126.9	126.2	68.81	68.84	66.24

B. Industrial Division Employment Indexes

	Nov. 1	Oct. 1	Nov. 1
	<u>1957</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1956</u>
Forestry (chiefly logging)	110.5	109.6	137.9
Mining	129.0	130.0	126.9
Manufacturing	116.2	118.1	118.6
Construction	148.5	153.5	151.5
Transportation, storage and communication	122.4	124.4	121.9
Public utility operation	137.9	139.3	129.9
Trade	134.6	133.3	131.1
Finance, insurance and real estate	148.3	148.6	140.4
Service ^{1/}	132.1	136.3	127.8
Industrial composite	125.3	126.9	126.2

Note:- These data are based on an advance tabulation of statistics received from establishments usually employing 15 persons and over. The monthly report giving more detailed area and industry statistics of employment, payrolls and average weekly earnings will be issued some days hence.

^{1/}Mainly hotels, restaurants, laundries, dry cleaning plants, business and recreational services.