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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,  
MAY 1, 1957.

(These data are subject to revision)

Industrial employment increased at the beginning of May, and the index, at 119.1 on the 1949 average as 100, established a new high for the time of year. The Apr. 1 figure was 118.0, and that at May 1, 1956, 115.2. The index of weekly payrolls rose by 0.8 p.c. in the month to 187.6, as compared with 172.3 in the corresponding week last year. Average weekly wages and salaries stood at \$67.43, down by 13 cents from Apr. 1, but a good deal above the figure of \$63.93 recorded 12 months earlier.

Moderately heightened employment as compared with the last survey was reported in all provinces except New Brunswick, where seasonal slackness in transportation and forestry reduced the May 1 industrial composite index by 3.2 p.c. in the month. The most noteworthy additions to the working forces were in Ontario and British Columbia, amounting to 3.0 p.c. and 1.2 p.c., respectively.

The general movement of industrial employment was downward at May 1 in logging and mining, but was favourable in other industries for which data are collected. The improvement in construction, transportation, storage and communication and trade was most noteworthy.

Employment in manufacturing advanced by 0.3 p.c. in the month, bringing the latest index to 115.8, a maximum for the time of year. Payrolls rose by 0.2 p.c. from Apr. 1. At 184.7, the May 1 index was 6.0 p.c. over the figure recorded 12 months earlier. The preliminary average of weekly wages and salaries of factory workers at May 1 was \$69.76, a new high for the season, as compared with the preceding figure of \$69.87, and \$66.70 at May 1, 1956.

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Advance Index Numbers<sup>1/</sup> of Employment and Payrolls at May 1, 1957, with Indexes  
for the Preceding Month and a Year Ago. (1949=100)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Employment</u>			<u>Payrolls</u>		
	<u>May 1</u> <u>1957</u>	<u>Apr. 1</u> <u>1957</u>	<u>May 1</u> <u>1956</u>	<u>May 1</u> <u>1957</u>	<u>Apr. 1</u> <u>1957</u>	<u>May 1</u> <u>1956</u>
Newfoundland	119.2	111.6	119.4	195.2	176.7	174.8
Prince Edward Island	103.7	97.6	102.3	160.5	151.1	143.3
Nova Scotia	95.1	94.8	93.7	142.4	143.2	133.1
New Brunswick	97.2	100.4	99.0	146.1	156.5	141.2
Quebec	116.4	116.2	113.3	183.5	183.6	169.0
Ontario	122.8	121.4	118.3	194.2	191.9	178.2
Manitoba	107.2	106.0	103.8	157.8	155.9	147.3
Saskatchewan	115.6	112.6	111.9	177.3	174.3	162.2
Alberta	144.3	143.9	136.7	220.4	224.7	199.2
British Columbia	122.8	119.2	117.5	197.6	191.5	179.1
Canada - Composite Index	119.1	118.0	115.2	187.6	186.1	172.3
Canada - Manufacturing	115.8	115.4	114.1	184.7	184.4	174.2

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	<u>May 1</u> <u>1957</u>	<u>Apr. 1</u> <u>1957</u>	<u>May 1</u> <u>1956</u>
Newfoundland	\$63.35	\$61.24	\$54.94
Prince Edward Island	51.98	52.02	47.24
Nova Scotia	56.09	56.56	53.14
New Brunswick	56.83	58.97	53.89
Quebec	64.80	64.97	61.21
Ontario	69.98	69.97	66.63
Manitoba	62.61	62.52	60.32
Saskatchewan	63.44	64.03	59.96
Alberta	67.87	69.36	64.72
British Columbia	73.49	73.37	69.57
Canada - Composite figure	67.43	67.56	63.93
Canada - Manufacturing	69.76	69.87	66.70

<sup>1/</sup> 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.