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ADVANCE STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,
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Moderate improvement was shown in industrial employment at the first of August, when the general index, on the 1949 base, rose by 0.7 p.c. from July 1 to a new maximum of 127.5. This was 1.7 p.c. higher than at Aug. 1, 1956. Rather larger working forces than a month earlier were reported in most provinces, the exceptions being Quebec and Ontario. A decline of 0.2 p.c. in the former was largely due to a slackening in manufacturing, logging and trade. Practically no change on the whole was recorded in Ontario, where manufacturing and trade were quieter, but construction and some other groups afforded more employment. Elsewhere the trend was upward, with Alberta and British Columbia reporting gains of 4.1 p.c. and 2.5 p.c., respectively.

Factory employment eased slightly from July 1, the Canada index falling by 0.3 p.c. The loss was largely in Quebec and Ontario. Construction reported improvement except in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Transportation and services showed gains in most provinces, while there were widely distributed seasonal losses in trade.

The weekly wages and salaries paid by the co-operating establishments rose by 0.8 p.c. in the month, bringing the general payroll index to a new peak of 203.7, 7.3 p.c. higher than at Aug. 1, 1956. Weekly payrolls increased in all provinces except British Columbia, where there was a 0.2 p.c. reduction. Per capita weekly wages and salaries were also higher than in the preceding survey in six provinces, the exceptions being Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Alberta and British Columbia. In all provinces, the averages exceeded those recorded 12 months earlier.

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

Area	Employment			Payrolls		
	Aug. 1 1957	July 1 1957	Aug. 1 1956	Aug. 1 1957	July 1 1957	Aug. 1 1956
Newfoundland	143.0	144.5	153.8	248.3	244.8	242.8
Prince Edward Island	125.2	122.2	122.6	189.8	184.5	174.7
Nova Scotia	105.2	105.0	105.9	158.5	158.4	151.2
New Brunswick	109.7	108.4	116.5	166.5	161.5	170.2
Quebec	124.8	125.0	124.2	198.9	197.5	187.6
Ontario	127.5	127.5	124.1	205.0	204.1	188.3
Manitoba	116.1	113.9	113.0	177.9	173.2	164.3
Saskatchewan	136.8	132.3	130.7	218.7	211.3	197.5
Alberta	164.1	157.7	162.7	254.9	249.9	246.0
British Columbia	133.5	130.3	129.0	216.4	216.9	200.5
Canada - Composite Index	127.5	126.6	125.4	203.7	202.1	189.9
Canada - Manufacturing	118.0	118.4	117.9	188.9	190.1	179.2

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

	Aug. 1 1957	July 1 1957	Aug. 1 1956
Newfoundland	\$62.97	\$63.59	\$59.24
Prince Edward Island	50.92	50.70	48.03
Nova Scotia	56.49	56.52	53.42
New Brunswick	57.40	56.33	55.25
Quebec	65.53	64.95	61.95
Ontario	71.17	70.83	67.15
Manitoba	65.17	64.66	61.82
Saskatchewan	66.10	66.04	62.48
Alberta	69.03	70.42	67.16
British Columbia	73.98	76.00	70.94
Canada - Composite figure	68.38	68.30	64.77
Canada - Manufacturing	69.94	70.19	66.44

^{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.