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Industrial employment declined by 2.9 p.c. from the pay period preceding Dec. 1, 1958 to that preceding Jan. 1, 1959. The industrial composite index of employment for the later period was 115.8 (1949=100). The reduction was slightly less than seasonal, and smaller than in the corresponding periods in the two preceding years. Employment declines occurred in all provinces, but those in the Atlantic Provinces, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta were less than seasonal. Return of workers following the ending of industrial disputes in non-ferrous metals mining and smelting in Ontario moderated the declines in employment indexes for that province and for Canada.

Average weekly wages and salaries dropped from \$71.60 during the pay period preceding Dec. 1, 1958 to \$69.06 in that preceding Jan. 1, 1959. Average earnings normally dip during the survey period in December, which includes the holiday week. The industrial composite payroll index for the period preceding Jan. 1 was 186.9, down over the month, but up from the index (182.2) for the corresponding period a year earlier.

*Beginning with the January 1959 issue, statistics published in this statement will be identified by labelling the figures for the last pay periods in each month as statistics for that particular month. The present issue, which contains data for the last pay periods in December, 1958 has been termed a 'Special Year-End Issue' because a December issue (containing data for the last pay periods in November) has already been released. A more detailed explanation of the dating change appears in current issues of Employment and Payrolls.

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Advance Index Numbers of Employment with Average Weekly Wages and Salaries,
Pay Period Preceding Jan. 1, 1959.

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publication in the main monthly report Employment and
Payrolls, which also includes detailed statistics).

Province or Industrial Division	Employment Indexes (1949=100)			Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		
	Pay period preceding			Pay period preceding		
	Jan. 1 1959	Dec. 1 1958	Jan. 1 1958	Jan. 1 1959	Dec. 1 1958	Jan. 1 1958
				\$	\$	\$
<u>Industrial Composite, Provinces</u>						
Newfoundland	112.6	121.1	116.1	60.82	62.24	60.65
Prince Edward Island	115.6	134.4	106.6	51.16	48.78	50.55
Nova Scotia	94.9	96.7	96.3	55.07	59.01	55.48
New Brunswick	100.6	101.3	97.9	58.76	58.47	56.84
Quebec	114.4	119.7	117.0	66.15	68.96	63.92
Ontario	118.1	120.0	120.3	71.59	74.31	68.79
Manitoba	108.0	109.3	107.7	66.36	67.92	62.08
Saskatchewan	123.3	130.1	121.0	69.41	68.24	65.37
Alberta	148.2	151.1	146.6	72.16	74.21	69.21
British Columbia	110.7	115.3	111.6	74.84	78.26	70.55
Canada	115.8	119.2	117.5	69.06	71.60	66.35
<u>Industrial Divisions, Canada</u>						
Forestry (chiefly logging)	89.7	93.3	86.8	71.14	75.40	69.56
Mining	115.4	115.9	126.1	84.38	89.48	83.22
Manufacturing	106.9	109.6	109.0	71.06	74.11	68.47
Construction	107.6	129.5	111.3	65.64	74.66	64.87
Transportation, storage, comm.	112.5	114.5	116.1	76.52	77.26	71.34
Public utility operation	134.7	137.0	133.8	85.35	86.36	80.68
Trade	140.7	138.3	140.5	60.53	60.17	57.31
Finance, ins., real estate	151.3	151.5	147.9	67.25	67.12	64.05
Service*	131.7	133.3	127.5	48.68	49.20	46.65
Industrial composite	115.8	119.2	117.5	69.06	71.60	66.35

*Mainly hotels, restaurants, laundries, dry cleaning plants, business and recreational services.