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The percentage decline in industrial employment occurring between Jan. 1 and Feb. 1 was about the same in 1958 as in 1950 and 1955, but greater than in other years in the post-war period. The preliminary index dropped to 113.6 (1949=100) at Feb. 1, indicating that industrial employment at that date was about 3 p.c. lower than at Jan. 1, and about 4 p.c. lower than at Feb. 1, 1957. This winter, for the first time in the post-war period, the increase in average weekly wages and salaries following the seasonal decline reflected in statistics for Jan. 1 was insufficient to bring the figure for Feb. 1 above that for Dec. 1. (The Jan. 1 figure is based on data for the last pay period in December, and therefore reflects curtailment of operations during the holiday period). However, the Feb. 1 earnings figure of \$69.23 was almost 4 p.c. higher than that for the corresponding date in 1957. The payroll index for Feb. 1 is estimated at 183.8 and is therefore lower than that for Feb. 1, 1957 (184.7). The year-to-year increase in average weekly wages and salaries did not completely offset the decline in employment. Payroll indexes for certain months in 1954 were below those for the corresponding months in 1953, but no other year-over-year declines in payroll indexes had previously occurred in the post-war period.

Provincial employment indexes for Feb. 1 were lower than corresponding indexes for Jan. 1, 1958 and Feb. 1, 1957 in all cases but one - the Feb. 1 index for Saskatchewan was higher in 1958 than in 1957. Year-to-year decreases were greater in the Atlantic Provinces and British Columbia than in the Central and Prairie Provinces. As the statistics for Feb. 1 are based on data for the last pay period in January, the figure for British Columbia reflects the incidence of a major strike in that province, although this strike was settled by the beginning of February.

Employment indexes for forestry, manufacturing, construction and transportation storage and communication were lower at Feb. 1, 1958 than at Feb. 1, 1957, but year-to-year increases were recorded for the remaining industries covered by the monthly survey. There were no increases in indexes of employment for individual industry divisions from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1. Indexes for mining and services were unchanged, while those for other divisions declined. The Jan. 1 to Feb. 1 declines in employment indexes for manufacturing, trade, and transportation, storage and communication were larger in 1958 than in previous post-war years.

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Advance Index Numbers of Employment at Feb. 1, 1958, with Provincial  
Averages of Weekly Wages and Salaries  
(1949=100)

Area and Industry	<u>Employment Indexes</u>			<u>Average Weekly Wages and Salaries</u>		
	Feb. 1	Jan. 1	Feb. 1	Feb. 1	Jan. 1	Feb. 1
	<u>1958</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1957</u>
				\$	\$	\$
<u>A. Provinces</u>						
Newfoundland	108.4	116.1	119.7	61.27	60.65	59.44
Prince Edward Island	94.2	106.6	113.2	52.71	50.55	46.74
Nova Scotia	92.4	96.3	99.9	58.36	55.48	55.40
New Brunswick	93.8	97.9	106.4	57.63	56.84	57.51
Quebec	113.3	117.0	118.0	66.64	63.92	64.16
Ontario	116.9	120.3	121.5	72.06	68.79	69.39
Manitoba	104.2	107.7	106.1	64.91	62.08	62.46
Saskatchewan	114.8	121.0	113.6	66.92	65.37	63.84
Alberta	141.6	146.6	145.4	71.57	69.24	68.80
British Columbia	107.0	111.6	113.9	73.47	70.55	71.09
Canada - Composite Index	113.6	117.5	118.6	69.23	66.35	66.66
Canada - Manufacturing	107.9	109.0	115.1	71.59	68.47	69.17

B. Industrial Division Employment Indexes

	Feb. 1	Jan. 1	Feb. 1
	<u>1958</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1957</u>
Forestry (chiefly logging)	77.0	86.8	116.8
Mining	126.1	126.1	124.1
Manufacturing	107.9	109.0	115.1
Construction	105.7	111.3	113.9
Transportation, storage and communication	111.0	116.1	114.7
Public utility operation	133.1	133.8	125.4
Trade	127.7	140.5	126.5
Finance, insurance and real estate	147.6	147.9	140.2
Service <sup>1/</sup>	127.5	127.5	124.9
Industrial composite	113.6	117.5	118.6

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.

<sup>1/</sup>Mainly hotels, restaurants, laundries, dry cleaning plants, business and recreational services.