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The Apr. 1 industrial composite index of employment for Canada was 112.9 (1949=100), virtually the same as that for Mar. 1 (113.0). Seasonal influences have tended to occasion slight declines in employment between Mar. 1 and Apr. 1 in recent years, so it appears that the underlying downward movement in employment which persisted through the winter of 1957-58 was arrested between the two dates. Average weekly wages and salaries were \$70.18 at Apr. 1, up slightly from the Mar. 1 figure. There was a rise of 74 cents in per capita earnings in manufacturing between Mar. 1 and Apr. 1, mainly owing to increases in average hours worked. The industrial composite payroll index for Apr. 1 was 185.1, up slightly from the Mar. 1 figure of 185.0.

From Mar. 1 to Apr. 1, employment in construction increased more than seasonally in most provinces. However, industrial disputes in British Columbia led to a sharp drop in construction employment in that province, and there was therefore only a small rise in the Canada index for the industry. Normal seasonal increases in employment in manufacturing, trade, services and finance, insurance and real estate were recorded. There was a large decline in forestry employment between the two dates, but such a decline normally occurs at this time of the year. Employment indexes for public utility operation and for transportation, storage and communication showed little change between Mar. 1 and Apr. 1. Scattered layoffs in various branches of mining led to a decline in the employment index for this industry.

Provincially, industrial employment increased between Mar. 1 and Apr. 1 in Newfoundland, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. The increase in industrial employment in Newfoundland reflected a rise in forestry employment in the province. Seasonal influences normally bring increases in employment in Ontario and British Columbia between Mar. 1 and Apr. 1. The small size of the rise in British Columbia reflects disruption of the construction industry resulting from industrial disputes. The employment increases in Manitoba and Saskatchewan are not attributable to seasonal factors. In the Maritimes, Quebec and Alberta, industrial employment was lower at Apr. 1 than at Mar. 1. The declines in the Maritimes and Quebec were less than seasonal, partly because employment declines in forestry in these areas were smaller than usual. The drop in Alberta was associated with a decline in employment in oil and natural gas production.

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

<u>Area and Industry</u>	<u>Employment Indexes</u>			<u>Average Weekly Wages and Salaries</u>		
	<u>Apr. 1 1958</u>	<u>Mar. 1 1958</u>	<u>Apr. 1 1957</u>	<u>Apr. 1 1958</u>	<u>Mar. 1 1958</u>	<u>Apr. 1 1957</u>
<u>A. Provinces</u>						
Newfoundland	111.1	109.3	111.6	63.67	62.77	61.24
Prince Edward Island	97.7	100.2	97.6	51.39	50.23	52.02
Nova Scotia	89.0	90.8	94.8	59.48	59.44	56.56
New Brunswick	93.2	94.9	100.4	58.61	59.34	53.97
Quebec	111.1	112.3	116.2	67.68	67.42	64.97
Ontario	116.7	116.3	121.4	72.72	72.43	69.97
Manitoba	103.2	102.7	106.0	65.65	65.73	62.52
Saskatchewan	114.3	113.1	112.6	66.86	67.49	64.03
Alberta	140.0	140.2	143.9	72.33	73.07	69.36
British Columbia	109.4	108.9	119.2	75.46	75.52	73.37
Canada - Composite Index	112.9	113.0	118.0	70.18	70.02	67.56
Canada - Manufacturing	108.3	108.2	115.4	72.82	72.08	69.87

B. Industrial Division Employment Indexes

	<u>Apr. 1 1958</u>	<u>Mar. 1 1958</u>	<u>Apr. 1 1957</u>
Forestry (chiefly logging)	55.1	71.4	82.4
Mining	125.4	126.8	123.4
Manufacturing	108.3	108.2	115.4
Construction	102.3	101.7	115.3
Transportation, storage and communication	110.5	110.7	114.0
Public utility operation	131.7	131.8	125.1
Trade	128.3	126.5	127.4
Finance, insurance and real estate	147.6	147.0	142.1
Services	129.1	128.5	126.7
Industrial composite	112.9	113.0	118.0

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.