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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY PAYROLLS,  
MAY 1958.

(These data are subject to revision)

The industrial composite index of employment rose from 112.9 (1949=100) at Apr. 1 to 114.5 at May 1. Seasonal factors appear to have been responsible for almost the whole of this increase. Average weekly wages and salaries increased from \$70.19 at Apr. 1 to \$70.32 at May 1. At the later date, the industrial composite index of payrolls reached 188.1, and therefore exceeded the index for the corresponding date a year earlier (187.9). Payroll indexes for the earlier months of 1958 were lower than those for the corresponding months in 1957.

Industrially, substantial increases in employment were recorded for construction, public utility operation and transportation, storage and communication. On the whole, these increases reflected seasonal influences, but employment in highways, bridges and streets construction and in water transportation rose more than seasonally. There was a moderate rise in the number of workers in manufacturing establishments. Employment in forestry declined seasonally. There was also a drop in mining employment, but this was more than seasonal. The indexes for trade, services and finance, insurance and real estate showed little change from Apr. 1 to May 1.

Industrial employment was higher at May 1 than at Apr. 1 in all provinces except New Brunswick. The decline in New Brunswick reflected seasonal decreases in employment in the water transportation and railways industries in the province.

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Advance Index Numbers of Employment at May 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>May 1</u> <u>1958</u>	<u>Apr. 1</u> <u>1958</u>	<u>May 1</u> <u>1957</u>	<u>May 1</u> <u>1958</u>	<u>Apr. 1</u> <u>1958</u>	<u>May 1</u> <u>1957</u>
<u>A. Provinces</u>						
Newfoundland	111.9	111.2	118.1	\$63.52	\$63.74	\$62.78
Prince Edward Island	102.7	97.7	103.7	52.72	50.86	51.98
Nova Scotia	91.3	89.0	95.0	53.39	59.52	56.12
New Brunswick	87.9	93.1	96.1	57.27	58.60	56.18
Quebec	112.8	111.2	117.2	67.95	67.66	64.68
Ontario	118.4	116.7	123.0	72.91	72.73	69.94
Manitoba	105.1	103.3	107.4	65.62	65.72	62.67
Saskatchewan	119.3	114.3	115.7	66.69	66.78	63.45
Alberta	140.7	140.1	143.7	71.54	72.52	68.01
British Columbia	111.1	109.4	123.1	76.44	75.58	73.46
Canada - Composite Index	114.5	112.9	119.4	70.32	70.19	67.37
Canada - Manufacturing	108.7	108.3	115.8	72.90	72.80	69.78

B. Industrial Division Employment Indexes

	<u>May 1</u> <u>1958</u>	<u>Apr. 1</u> <u>1958</u>	<u>May 1</u> <u>1957</u>
Forestry (chiefly logging)	42.6	51.8	62.0
Mining	121.8	125.5	120.8
Manufacturing	108.7	108.3	115.8
Construction	115.6	102.4	125.4
Transportation, storage and communication	113.9	110.5	118.3
Public utility operation	136.2	132.9	129.5
Trade	129.0	128.4	129.4
Finance, insurance and real estate	148.0	147.6	143.8
Service <sup>1/</sup>	130.3	129.5	127.9
Industrial composite	114.5	112.9	119.4

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.