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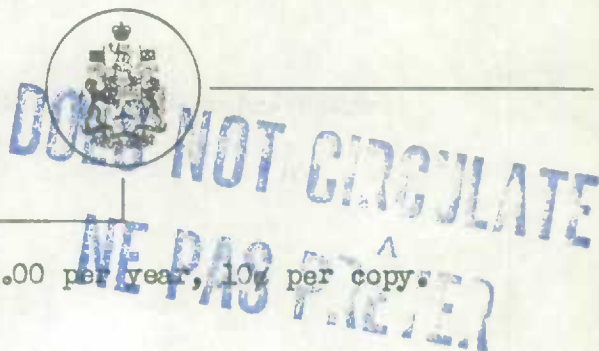
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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AUGUST, 1958.

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Industrial employment showed a small seasonal increase from July 1 to Aug. 1. The preliminary industrial composite index number of employment for the later date was 121.8 (1949=100); the figure for July 1 has been revised to 121.3. Average weekly wages and salaries at Aug. 1 were \$70.75, about the same as at July 1 and June 1. Average earnings in manufacturing declined from July 1 to Aug. 1, dropping to \$72.63 at the later date. A decline normally occurs over the period. The industrial composite payroll index for Aug. 1 was 201.2, up slightly from the July 1 figure but 1.4 p.c. lower than the index for Aug. 1, 1957.

Industrially, employment in construction, public utility operation and finance, insurance and real estate increased seasonally, and seasonal declines were recorded for manufacturing, trade and forestry. The index for mining showed a smaller increase than usual from July 1 to Aug. 1 owing to a drop in employment in the non-metals group. Railway employment increased less than usual, and increases in other transportation, storage and communication industries were less than seasonal. Services also showed a smaller than normal increase from July 1 to Aug. 1.

Provincially, employment dropped in Ontario and rose in all other provinces. The direction of these changes follows the normal seasonal pattern. In British Columbia, the employment situation was dull in a number of industries, and the increase in the industrial composite index was smaller than usual.

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Advance Index Numbers of Employment at Aug. 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>		
	Aug. 1	July 1	Aug. 1	Aug. 1	July 1	Aug. 1
	<u>1958</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1957</u>
				\$	\$	\$
<u>A. Provinces</u>						
Newfoundland	138.2	133.4	150.2	61.94	62.28	63.31
Prince Edward Island	120.8	117.8	125.2	50.89	52.11	50.92
Nova Scotia	100.2	97.0	105.1	58.37	59.13	56.50
New Brunswick	101.9	100.2	109.8	58.72	56.82	57.36
Quebec	120.5	120.4	125.0	68.19	67.29	65.58
Ontario	122.1	122.5	127.7	73.82	73.96	71.22
Manitoba	113.7	112.0	116.3	67.47	67.87	65.22
Saskatchewan	135.9	133.8	136.9	69.37	68.99	66.10
Alberta	160.0	155.5	163.0	72.51	73.32	69.18
British Columbia	118.5	118.0	133.9	74.67	75.51	73.93
Canada - Composite Index	121.8	121.3	127.6	70.75	70.70	68.41
Canada - Manufacturing	111.6	112.0	118.1	72.63	73.06	69.95

B. Industrial Division Employment Indexes

	Aug. 1	July 1	Aug. 1
	<u>1958</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1957</u>
Forestry (chiefly logging)	81.2	83.1	113.0
Mining	127.0	126.8	131.7
Manufacturing	111.6	112.0	118.1
Construction	147.1	140.1	158.4
Transportation, storage and communication	120.3	119.2	127.4
Public utility operation	143.5	141.4	139.9
Trade	130.3	131.5	130.9
Finance, insurance and real estate	149.3	148.6	144.9
Servicel/	142.2	141.3	140.8
Industrial composite	121.8	121.3	127.6

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.

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