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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS SEPTEMBER, 1958.

(These data are subject to revision)

At Sept. 1, industrial employment was slightly lower than at Aug. 1. The composite index of employment declined from 122.0 (1949=100) to 121.5. During August, major strikes began in iron and steel, shipbuilding, water transportation and trade. Had the workers on strike been at work at the end of the month, the index number for Sept. 1 would have been slightly higher than that for Aug. 1. The decline was the first recorded for the time of year during the post-war period.

Small increases in employment were reported for construction, service, and finance, insurance and real estate. Declines of less than 1 p.c. occurred in most other industry divisions. In forestry, however, employment dropped by nearly 6 p.c. The decline was a little smaller than that occurring between Aug. 1 and Sept. 1 in 1957. Increases in logging employment occurred between the two dates in all years from 1950 to 1956.

Industrial employment changed by less than 1 p.c. in most provinces, but there was an increase of about 3 p.c. in Prince Edward Island and a decline of approximately 2 p.c. in Nova Scotia.

The industrial composite figure of average weekly wages and salaries showed little change between Aug. 1 and Sept. 1. The average has been close to \$70.70 since June 1. Average earnings in manufacturing dropped by 20 cents. The composite index of payrolls declined from 201.6 at Aug. 1 to 200.8 at Sept. 1.

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

Area and Industry	Employment Indexes			Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		
	Sept.1	Aug. 1	Sept.1	Sept.1	Aug. 1	Sept.1
	1958	1958	1957	1958	1958	1957
				\$	\$	\$
A. Provinces						
Newfoundland	138.3	139.3	144.7	61.70	61.86	62.16
Prince Edward Island	126.5	121.2	129.9	49.84	50.88	49.54
Nova Scotia	98.4	100.3	104.7	58.24	58.35	56.44
New Brunswick	103.0	102.1	109.0	57.87	58.77	57.66
Quebec	120.7	120.7	125.5	67.77	68.11	65.62
Ontario	121.1	122.2	127.3	73.61	73.89	71.04
Manitoba	113.1	113.8	115.9	67.88	67.51	65.43
Saskatchewan	136.9	135.9	137.0	69.51	69.37	66.15
Alberta	160.9	160.3	162.6	73.60	72.43	69.76
British Columbia	120.1	119.7	135.5	76.01	74.75	74.88
Canada - Composite Index	121.5	122.0	127.6	70.72	70.76	68.43
Canada - Manufacturing	111.3	111.8	118.5	72.43	72.62	69.77

B. Industrial Division Employment Indexes

	Sept.1	Aug. 1	Sept.1
	1958	1958	1957
Forestry (chiefly logging)	76.8	81.3	103.0
Mining	126.1	127.2	132.5
Manufacturing	111.3	111.8	118.5
Construction	147.8	147.6	158.0
Transportation, storage and communication	120.0	120.6	127.2
Public utility operation	142.9	143.5	142.0
Trade	129.8	130.2	131.0
Finance, insurance and real estate	150.5	149.3	147.7
Services ^{1/}	143.8	142.7	140.8
Industrial composite	121.5	122.0	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.