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ADVANCE STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,
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Industrial employment declined seasonally from September to October. The composite index for October was 124.4 (1949 = 100), down 1 p.c. from the index number for the previous month. As usual, employment in trade increased, and there was a rise in forestry as winter woods operations began. Employment declined in all other industry divisions, mainly owing to seasonal influences.

In manufacturing, employment declined by 1.2 p.c. between September and October. Seasonal reductions in food and beverages, textiles, clothing, paper products and wood products were the main factors in this reduction. In some previous years, increases in automobile plants associated with the ending of the re-tooling period partly offset declines in the industries mentioned. In 1959, however, automobile plants completed re-tooling in time to recall assembly-line workers before the end of September, and employment in the industry showed little increase during October.

Average weekly wages and salaries rose from \$74.30 in September to \$74.67 in October. The composite payroll index for October 1959 was 217.2. Corresponding figures for September 1959 and October 1958 were 218.3 and 199.5 respectively.

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Advance Index Numbers of Employment with Average Weekly Wages and Salaries,
October, 1959

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Province or Industrial Division	Employment Indexes (1949=100)			Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		
	Oct.a/ 1959	Sept.b/ 1959	Oct.a/ 1958	Oct.a/ 1959 \$	Sept.b/ 1959 \$	Oct.a/ 1958 \$
<u>Industrial Composite, Provinces</u>						
Newfoundland	140.8	144.8	130.1	65.54	63.45	61.97
Prince Edward Island	138.7	145.5	129.4	55.24	55.39	50.41
Nova Scotia	100.2	99.9	100.0	61.70	61.28	57.90
New Brunswick	104.0	106.2	100.3	60.86	61.10	58.37
Quebec	123.9	124.9	120.7	71.85	71.19	68.23
Ontario	124.9	125.6	119.3	77.49	77.50	73.85
Manitoba	116.4	118.0	111.8	71.05	71.24	67.88
Saskatchewan	135.1	137.9	132.8	71.55	71.50	68.57
Alberta	160.3	165.0	154.9	76.71	76.07	74.20
British Columbia	120.9	122.9	118.4	82.11	80.54	78.08
Canada	124.4	125.6	120.1	74.67	74.30	71.13
<u>Industrial Divisions, Canada</u>						
Forestry (chiefly logging)	102.0	97.2	92.1	74.40	71.88	72.42
Mining	124.9	125.8	118.2	91.79	91.27	87.95
Manufacturing	113.9	115.3	110.1	77.10	76.43	73.36
Durable goods	119.1	119.4	112.4	83.41	82.97	78.87
Non-durable goods	109.5	111.8	108.2	71.31	70.54	68.47
Construction	146.7	151.7	137.5	79.12	79.70	75.20
Transportation, storage, Comm.	116.0	118.0	116.9	81.72	81.02	76.09
Public utility operation	140.4	142.4	138.5	89.29	88.96	85.05
Trade	140.1	138.7	134.3	63.26	63.05	60.43
Finance, ins., real estate	155.3	155.5	151.4	68.27	68.97	67.06
Service*	140.5	144.6	135.6	50.96	50.42	48.66
Industrial Composite	124.4	125.6	120.1	74.67	74.30	71.13

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

a/Pay period preceding Nov. 1.

b/Pay period preceding Oct. 1.