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ADVANCE STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,

DECEMBER, 1959

(These data are subject to revision)

The industrial composite index number of employment for December was 118.2, down 3 p.c. from the figure of 121.8 recorded for November. Seasonal factors led to declines in all industry divisions except trade. The effect of seasonal influences on employment in durable goods manufacturing was partly offset by non-seasonal increases in the automobile industries. In November, large numbers of automobile workers had been laid off owing to shortages of steel. Improvements in the supply situation following settlement of strikes in the United States led to the recall of these workers in December.

Employment indexes for all provinces and for all industry divisions except transportation, storage and communication were higher in December 1959 than in December 1958. The year-to-year rise in the industrial composite index amounted to 2.1 p.c.

The composite figure of average weekly wages and salaries for December was \$72.55. As usual, average weekly earnings were lower in the last pay period in December than in the corresponding period in November. The month-to-month decline this year amounted to \$1.68. Many workers were laid off or on unpaid leave towards the end of December, although most received pay for Christmas Day. The composite payroll index for December was 200.7, down 5.2 p.c. from the November figure.

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

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Province or Industrial Division	Employment Indexes (1949-100)			Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		
	Dec. 1959	Nov. 1959	Dec. 1958	Dec. 1959 \$	Nov. 1959 \$	Dec. 1958 \$
<u>Industrial Composite, Provinces</u>						
Newfoundland	119.5	133.7	112.5	62.14	63.65	60.80
Prince Edward Island	120.2	132.7	115.6	54.52	55.55	51.16
Nova Scotia	97.0	99.7	94.6	58.30	60.84	54.93
New Brunswick	105.8	104.8	100.5	60.17	60.44	58.88
Quebec	116.9	122.4	114.4	69.85	71.92	66.10
Ontario	120.0	122.3	118.0	75.28	76.78	71.47
Manitoba	109.4	113.2	107.9	69.28	70.59	66.24
Saskatchewan	123.6	129.4	123.1	70.70	70.42	68.25
Alberta	151.7	155.1	148.4	74.69	76.43	71.99
British Columbia	114.2	117.3	110.9	79.29	81.70	74.35
Canada	118.2	121.8	115.8	72.55	74.23	68.91
<u>Industrial Divisions, Canada</u>						
Forestry (chiefly logging)	97.5	102.7	89.5	70.14	73.56	70.52
Mining	121.8	123.7	115.4	89.13	93.24	84.13
Manufacturing	108.4	110.6	106.8	75.34	76.86	70.91
Durable goods	113.9	114.4	111.4	80.98	82.79	75.82
Non-durable goods	103.8	107.4	102.8	70.13	71.53	66.35
Construction	114.6	133.5	108.0	70.36	78.24	65.31
Transportation, storage, comm.	110.2	114.6	112.5	80.45	81.10	76.50
Public utility operation	136.7	138.4	134.7	90.83	90.25	85.54
Trade	143.6	143.1	140.7	62.92	62.60	60.37
Finance, ins., real estate	155.0	155.3	151.4	68.75	68.41	67.33
Service*	137.1	139.7	131.8	51.28	51.44	48.68
Industrial Composite	118.2	121.8	115.8	72.55	74.23	68.91

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