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ADVANCE STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,
FEBRUARY, 1959

(These data are subject to revision)

Industrial employment in the latter part of February was slightly lower than in the corresponding period in January. The composite employment index declined from 113.7 to 113.0 over the month. Seasonal influences were partly responsible for the decline. In manufacturing, the principal non-seasonal causes of employment change were layoff of workers from plants of aircraft manufacturers and their suppliers, and the return of employees of motor vehicle plants who had been on strike during the survey period in January. The Canada employment index for mining dropped 3 p.c. owing to layoff of workers in coal mines in Nova Scotia.

Average weekly wages and salaries showed a further increase from January to February, advancing 75 cents over the month. The industrial composite payroll index for February was 192.9 up slightly from the index number of 192.2 for January.

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

(These general data are subject to revision before publication in the main monthly report Employment and Payrolls, which also includes detailed statistics).

Province or Industrial Division	Employment Indexes (1949=100)			Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		
	Feb. ^a / 1959	Jan. ^b / 1959	Feb. ^a / 1958	Feb. ^a / 1959 \$	Jan. ^b / 1959 \$	Feb. ^a / 1958 \$
<u>Industrial Composite, Provinces</u>						
Newfoundland	104.5	111.6	109.3	64.32	60.73	62.77
Prince Edward Island	100.7	101.8	100.2	55.63	54.62	50.23
Nova Scotia	87.1	93.9	90.8	60.16	59.26	59.44
New Brunswick	97.6	98.3	94.8	60.56	59.47	59.35
Quebec	111.2	111.8	112.3	70.20	69.65	67.42
Ontario	116.0	116.6	116.3	75.84	75.46	72.43
Manitoba	105.1	105.9	102.7	69.38	68.01	65.73
Saskatchewan	117.7	118.5	113.1	69.12	68.34	67.49
Alberta	145.1	144.1	140.2	76.59	74.78	73.07
British Columbia	109.2	108.0	108.9	78.88	77.90	75.52
Canada	113.0	113.7	113.0	73.09	72.34	70.02
<u>Industrial Divisions, Canada</u>						
Forestry (chiefly logging)	69.8	77.5	71.4	70.11	65.93	73.55
Mining	118.9	122.4	126.8	93.40	89.85	88.26
Manufacturing	107.5	107.5	108.2	75.55	75.16	72.08
Durable goods	111.5	112.0	115.1	81.01	80.72	77.11
Non-durable goods	104.0	103.7	102.2	70.54	70.02	67.22
Construction	104.0	105.0	101.9	76.34	75.62	75.09
Transportation, storage, comm.	108.5	109.3	110.7	77.92	76.93	73.25
Public utility operation	131.9	132.0	131.8	87.30	86.52	83.35
Trade	128.8	129.6	126.5	62.91	62.44	59.74
Finance, ins., real estate	150.8	151.3	147.0	68.36	67.60	65.42
Service*	131.6	131.6	128.5	50.19	49.63	48.40
Industrial composite	113.0	113.7	113.0	73.09	72.34	70.02

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

^a/Pay period preceding March 1.

^b/Pay period preceding Feb. 1.