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NE PAS PRÊTERADVANCE STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,
MARCH, 1959

(These data are subject to revision)

The index of industrial employment increased more between February and March this year than in any previous year since 1950. The index reached 113.7 (1949=100) in the latter part of March, up 0.6 p.c. from the February figure. Industries in which the gain between the two months was the largest in recent years included construction and transportation, storage and communication.

Average weekly wages and salaries declined in the latter part of March as many workers were on unpaid holiday for one or more days over the Easter period. The industrial composite figure dropped from \$73.11 in February to \$72.63 in the March survey period. The industrial composite payroll index for March was 193.0, a figure approximately the same as that recorded for February.

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

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Province or Industrial Division	Employment Indexes (1949=100)			Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		
	Mar.a/ 1959	Feb.b/ 1959	Mar.a/ 1958	Mar.a/ 1959 \$	Feb.b/ 1959 \$	Mar.a/ 1958 \$
<u>Industrial Composite, Provinces</u>						
Newfoundland	106.2	104.5	111.2	64.10	64.26	63.74
Prince Edward Island	110.7	101.2	97.7	55.29	55.70	50.86
Nova Scotia	87.8	87.1	89.0	59.83	60.27	59.52
New Brunswick	96.4	97.5	93.1	61.17	60.55	58.60
Quebec	110.9	111.2	111.2	69.56	70.21	67.66
Ontario	116.9	116.0	116.7	75.37	75.83	72.73
Manitoba	105.9	105.1	103.3	68.97	69.38	65.72
Saskatchewan	119.2	118.3	114.3	69.07	69.24	66.78
Alberta	145.9	145.0	140.1	75.49	76.71	72.52
British Columbia	112.2	109.5	109.4	78.73	79.02	75.58
Canada	113.7	113.0	112.9	72.63	73.11	70.20
<u>Industrial Divisions, Canada</u>						
Forestry (chiefly logging)	53.3	70.1	54.8	74.56	70.80	75.33
Mining	118.4	118.8	125.5	91.43	93.21	87.62
Manufacturing	108.3	107.5	108.3	75.25	75.59	72.80
Durable goods	113.1	111.6	115.2	80.71	81.10	77.86
Non-durable goods	104.1	104.0	102.3	70.17	70.53	67.93
Construction	107.3	104.0	102.4	73.33	76.38	75.72
Transportation, storage, comm.	109.8	108.5	110.5	77.59	77.91	72.74
Public utility operation	133.1	132.5	132.9	87.41	87.10	82.11
Trade	131.2	129.0	128.4	62.68	62.98	59.36
Finance, ins., real estate	151.1	150.8	147.6	69.02	68.36	65.88
Service*	132.4	131.7	129.5	49.97	50.14	48.32
Industrial composite	113.7	113.0	112.9	72.63	73.11	70.20

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

a/Pay period preceding Apr. 1.

b/Pay period preceding Mar. 1.