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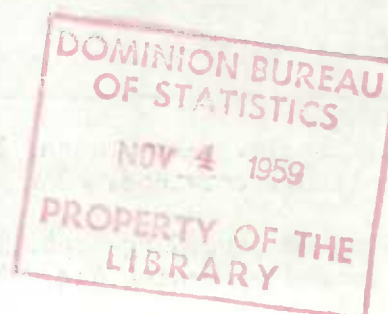
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Industrial employment increased about 1 p.c. from July to August, with the composite index reaching 124.2 (1949 = 100) in the latter month. The trend in iron and steel products remained upwards, and more-than-seasonal increases were also reported for trade. Indexes for durable goods manufacturing and forestry continued to reflect industrial disputes in the lumber industry in British Columbia. Seasonal increases in the food and beverage and the clothing industries were responsible for most of the increase in non-durable goods manufacturing. Employment in the automobile industry dropped sharply as plants shut down for model changeover.

Average weekly wages and salaries declined by 30 cents from July to August. The composite figure for the latter month was \$73.46. The composite payroll index for July 1959 was 213.3, up from 212.3 in July 1958 and 201.1 in August 1958.

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Advance Index Numbers of Employment with Average Weekly Wages and Salaries,
August, 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 <u>Industrial Division</u>	<u>Employment Indexes</u> (1949=100)			<u>Average Weekly Wages</u> <u>and Salaries</u>		
	Aug.a/ 1959	Julyb/ 1959	Aug.a/ 1958	Aug.a/ 1959 \$	Julyb/ 1959 \$	Aug.a/ 1958 \$
<u>Industrial Composite, Provinces</u>						
Newfoundland	143.4	143.9	138.1	63.43	64.44	61.57
Prince Edward Island	148.8	146.5	126.3	53.62	52.66	50.14
Nova Scotia	102.5	101.5	98.3	59.87	60.50	58.18
New Brunswick	106.7	106.8	103.1	60.73	61.11	57.88
Quebec	123.8	122.7	121.1	70.41	70.65	67.70
Ontario	124.7	123.8	121.3	76.64	77.02	73.62
Manitoba	118.8	117.9	113.2	71.53	71.02	67.96
Saskatchewan	141.7	141.4	137.2	70.84	70.67	69.55
Alberta	166.6	164.5	161.9	75.26	75.72	73.58
British Columbia	112.2	110.2	120.5	79.63	80.07	75.65
Canada	124.2	123.1	121.8	73.46	73.76	70.67
<u>Industrial Divisions, Canada</u>						
Forestry (chiefly logging)	76.1	78.1	76.4	67.90	69.78	70.31
Mining	127.2	127.8	127.1	89.14	90.08	85.93
Manufacturing	113.4	112.2	111.5	75.37	75.56	72.40
Durable goods	114.1	115.0	113.0	81.59	81.56	78.05
Non-durable goods	112.8	109.8	110.2	70.03	70.23	67.44
Construction	154.1	150.7	148.8	78.04	78.47	76.13
Transportation, storage, comm.	119.6	119.7	120.4	80.36	80.47	75.44
Public utility operation	145.2	145.0	142.9	87.56	86.93	84.20
Trade	135.0	133.8	129.8	63.37	63.83	60.72
Finance, ins., real estate	155.7	152.8	150.5	68.88	69.41	66.65
Service*	147.4	147.2	144.0	49.36	49.29	47.35
Industrial Composite	124.2	123.1	121.8	73.46	73.76	70.67

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

a/Pay period preceding Sept. 1.

b/Pay period preceding Aug. 1.