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ADVANCE STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS,

JANUARY, 1960

(These data are subject to revision)

Industrial employment declined seasonally by 2.5 p.c. from December to January. The composite index for January was 115.2 (1949=100). Reductions in trade following the end of the Christmas holiday season accounted for half of the employment drop. Declines in construction, forestry and water transportation also contributed substantially to the reduction. The decrease in construction was more than seasonal. Employment in manufacturing and mining rose slightly, following the normal seasonal pattern.

Industrial employment in recent months has shown little variation except for movements which may be assigned to normal seasonal factors or irregular occurrences. This is in contrast to the situation in the winter of 1958-59, when the underlying trend of activity was moderately upwards, and termination of a number of major industrial disputes also led to improvements in the general employment situation. Comparisons of statistics for January 1960 with those for January 1959 indicate a rise of 1.3 p.c. in industrial employment over the year. Forestry, service, trade, finance and durable goods manufacturing showed decided increases. Employment in construction, public utility operation, mining and non-durable goods manufacturing was up marginally, or unchanged. The only industry division in which employment was lower in January 1960 than in January 1959 was transportation, storage and communication.

Average weekly wages and salaries rose in January to exceed \$75 for the first time. The \$70 level was first surpassed in February 1958. The composite payroll index for January was 202.2, up 1.1 p.c. over the month, and 5.2 p.c. over the year.

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Advance Index Numbers of Employment with Average Weekly Wages and Salaries,
January, 1960

(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		
	Jan. 1960	Dec. 1959	Jan. 1959	Jan. 1960 \$	Dec. 1959 \$	Jan. 1959 \$
<u>Industrial Composite, Provinces</u>						
Newfoundland	111.8	118.8	111.6	64.94	62.31	60.73
Prince Edward Island	105.4	120.2	101.8	57.49	54.52	54.62
Nova Scotia	92.1	97.0	93.9	62.73	58.22	59.26
New Brunswick	102.9	105.6	98.3	62.52	60.20	59.47
Quebec	113.9	116.5	111.8	72.30	69.76	69.65
Ontario	118.0	120.0	116.6	77.87	75.07	75.46
Manitoba	106.3	109.6	105.9	70.75	68.97	68.01
Saskatchewan	117.4	123.9	118.5	70.62	70.62	68.34
Alberta	146.9	151.2	144.1	77.42	74.51	74.78
British Columbia	109.4	113.9	108.0	81.71	79.30	77.90
Canada	115.2	118.1	113.7	75.05	72.41	72.34
<u>Industrial Divisions, Canada</u>						
Forestry (chiefly logging)	88.0	97.5	77.5	69.70	70.58	65.93
Mining	122.5	121.8	122.4	92.53	89.07	89.85
Manufacturing	108.5	108.4	107.5	77.99	75.14	75.16
Durable goods	114.2	114.0	112.0	84.15	80.58	80.72
Non-durable goods	103.7	103.7	103.7	72.27	70.09	70.02
Construction	105.4	113.3	105.0	79.22	69.78	75.62
Transportation, storage, comm.	106.9	110.1	109.3	81.14	80.39	76.93
Public utility operation	132.5	136.7	132.0	91.45	90.97	86.52
Trade	133.4	143.4	129.6	64.48	62.87	62.44
Finance, ins., real estate	154.8	155.0	151.3	68.81	68.75	67.60
Service*	137.1	137.3	131.6	52.22	51.45	49.63
Industrial Composite	115.2	118.1	113.7	75.05	72.41	72.34

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