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ADVANCE STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS

MAY, 1961.

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Industrial employment increased by 3.3 p.c. from April to May, with the composite index of employment (1949=100) rising to 116.9 in the latter month. This was 1.7 p.c. lower than the May 1960 index. However, the month-to-month increase was larger than seasonal, and the seasonally adjusted composite index rose from 116.0 in April to 116.8 in May. Employment was at a higher level in all industrial divisions, with the increases in forestry, construction and manufacturing accounting for most of the overall gain. The increases were larger than seasonal in all industries except service and transportation, storage and communication.

Average weekly wages and salaries declined by 13 cents, from \$78.12 in April to \$77.99 in May. Temporary reductions in earnings of workers on unpaid leave during the Victoria Day week-end were a factor in the decline. The composite payroll index for May was 214.0 up 3.7 p.c. from the figure for April 1961, and 2 p.c. above that for May 1960.

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Advance Index Numbers of Employment with Average Weekly Wages and Salaries May, 1961

(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		
	May 1961	Apr. 1961	May 1960	May 1961 \$	Apr. 1961 \$	May 1960 \$
<u>Industrial Composite, Provinces</u>						
Newfoundland	117.0	107.0	121.8	71.76	70.69	66.42
Prince Edward Island	131.9	111.2	131.3	56.39	59.29	55.65
Nova Scotia	96.0	86.4	97.4	64.03	63.97	62.21
New Brunswick	99.1	83.7	99.1	61.45	64.55	61.18
Quebec	116.4	112.3	117.3	75.22	75.60	72.39
Ontario	113.1	115.1	119.9	81.19	80.80	73.37
Manitoba	109.3	105.1	111.3	72.86	72.78	71.21
Saskatchewan	123.2	116.8	128.8	73.68	73.38	71.41
Alberta	153.4	143.9	154.0	79.73	79.41	76.76
British Columbia	112.0	103.8	116.4	85.33	86.03	82.86
Canada	116.9	112.6	118.9	77.99	78.12	75.36
<u>Industrial Divisions, Canada</u>						
Forestry (chiefly logging)	53.3	34.0	61.1	73.60	87.60	71.96
Mining	117.3	111.3	113.0	95.80	95.16	93.86
Manufacturing	103.3	105.4	110.6	80.70	80.95	77.80
Durable goods	110.8	107.5	116.1	86.88	86.90	83.47
Non-durable goods	106.1	103.6	106.0	75.29	75.77	72.57
Construction	121.7	106.6	130.4	80.99	82.72	77.58
Transportation, storage, comm.	109.1	106.7	112.5	85.67	84.02	82.14
Public utility operation	138.4	133.4	138.7	94.27	94.95	90.35
Trade	136.0	134.2	135.6	67.32	67.15	65.39
Finance, ins., real estate	161.7	161.1	155.2	74.19	74.09	70.79
Service*	147.8	143.0	143.8	55.21	55.91	52.96
Industrial Composite	116.9	112.6	118.9	77.99	78.12	75.36

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