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ADVANCE STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS

MARCH, 1962

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The industrial composite index of employment (1949=100) stood at 115.2 in March, 0.4 p.c. above the February figure. Almost all major industrial divisions recorded increases. However, the overall gains were greatly modified by large decreases in forestry, as the cutting season ended in Eastern Canada. Seasonally adjusted, the composite advanced slightly to 120.6. After marked advances throughout 1961, the composite has tended to level in recent months.

The seasonally adjusted indexes for most major industrial divisions were up from February. Only the adjusted indexes for forestry, public utility operation and transportation, storage and communication failed to advance; the decline in forestry may indicate a changing seasonal pattern. The largest percentage increase was in construction, largely reflecting expansion in the building and general engineering component. There were offsetting movements in mining. Greater than seasonal increases were recorded in metal mining, largely due to the resumption of operations in Newfoundland of iron mines closed in February. Employment in oil and natural gas levelled between February and March instead of declining as has been the pattern in previous years. However, the strength shown in these industry groups was largely offset by extensive layoffs of coal miners in Nova Scotia. Slight increases were shown in manufacturing. In durables, smaller than seasonal increases in wood products, transportation equipment and non-ferrous metals modified gains in other sectors. A contra-seasonal decline in aircraft and parts was the main factor in the reduction in transportation equipment. Most components of non-durable goods manufacturing showed larger than seasonal increases, with a contra-seasonal increase in clothing products being the most significant. In the service producing industries, increases were recorded in trade, finance, insurance and real estate and the service industries surveyed. The transportation, storage and communication group was virtually unchanged, and employment in public utility operation declined.

The industrial composite of average weekly wages and salaries at \$80.29 was only 8 cents above February. However, the latest figure was \$2.65 higher than in March 1961. The payroll index rose by 0.5 p.c. to 217.2 in March. This figure was 7.4 p.c. above March 1961.

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Advance Index Numbers of Employment, with Average Weekly Wages and Salaries  
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Industrial divisions and provinces	Employment indexes (1949=100)					Average weekly wages and salaries		
	Unadjusted			Seasonally adjusted				
	Mar. 1962	Feb. 1962	Mar. 1961	Mar. 1962	Feb. 1962	Mar. 1962	Feb. 1962	Mar. 1961
						dollars		
<u>Industrial divisions</u>								
Forestry (chiefly logging)	47.0	63.2	41.8	66.1	71.8	84.12	81.93	79.24
Mining .....	113.7	113.7	113.0	115.2	114.5	98.87	98.65	95.88
Manufacturing .....	109.7	108.9	104.9	111.9	111.7	83.17	82.74	80.36
Durable goods .....	113.2	112.0	107.0	114.4	114.2	89.63	89.23	86.18
Non-durable goods .....	106.8	106.3	103.2	109.8	109.5	77.44	77.01	75.30
Construction .....	102.7	100.1	98.0	126.5	125.2	87.08	85.93	82.03
Transportation, storage, communication .....	103.4	102.8	103.7	108.2	108.3	87.84	88.84	84.25
Public utility operation .	135.6	135.5	132.2	140.9	141.6	96.96	97.10	95.27
Trade .....	136.1	133.7	133.8	139.9	138.9	68.63	69.01	66.44
Finance, insurance and real estate .....	168.0	167.7	160.1	169.2	168.5	75.03	75.02	73.86
Service (2) .....	149.3	147.7	138.9	154.8	153.5	57.05	57.18	55.04
Industrial composite	115.2	114.7	111.1	120.6	120.3	80.29	80.21	77.64
<u>Provinces and regions</u>								
Atlantic region .....	95.9	97.5	92.6	..	..	67.95	67.48	64.53
Newfoundland .....	113.4	116.8	106.7	..	..	74.15	72.86	70.23
Prince Edward Island ...	112.0	106.2	108.9	..	..	59.53	60.74	58.98
Nova Scotia .....	87.9	88.6	84.4	..	..	65.94	65.16	62.26
New Brunswick .....	97.3	99.8	95.9	..	..	67.62	67.78	64.64
Quebec .....	114.9	115.2	110.0	..	..	77.82	77.68	75.16
Ontario .....	118.0	117.1	113.7	..	..	83.17	82.96	80.45
Prairie region .....	122.9	122.1	119.9	..	..	78.08	78.43	75.60
Manitoba .....	105.6	104.8	103.4	..	..	74.96	75.03	72.59
Saskatchewan .....	113.0	112.1	112.9	..	..	75.58	75.78	73.29
Alberta .....	148.3	147.6	143.2	..	..	81.67	82.30	79.11
British Columbia .....	110.6	108.1	107.5	..	..	86.84	87.62	84.83
Canada .....	115.2	114.7	111.1	120.6	120.3	80.29	80.21	77.64

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(2) Mainly hotels, restaurants, laundries, dry cleaning plants, business and recreational services.

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