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ADVANCE STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS

MAY, 1962

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The industrial composite index of employment (1949=100) rose by 3.7 p.c. to 121.0 in May, as staffs were increased in most major industrial divisions with the oncoming of spring. As usual, the increases were largest in manufacturing and construction, although the advances in forestry and transportation, storage and communication were also substantial. The seasonally adjusted industrial composite index showed a moderate rise of 0.3 p.c. to 121.0, largely as a result of a greater than seasonal increase in manufacturing.

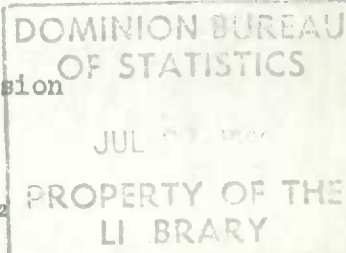
The seasonally adjusted indexes for most major industrial divisions were up from April. The most important gain was in manufacturing, where the adjusted index rose from 112.0 in April to 112.9 in May. Both major components recorded significant gains. In durables, there were marked advances in iron and steel, electrical apparatus and supplies and transportation equipment. The increase in the last-named industry reflected a contra-seasonal rise in ship-building which more than offset losses in the aircrafts and parts industry. The settlement of a major industrial dispute in the textile industry accounted for a large part of the rise in non-durables.

Mining and service recorded the only significant increase among the seasonally adjusted indexes of the non-manufacturing industry divisions. In mining, re-employment of coal-miners in Nova Scotia and stepped-up hiring in metal mining were factors in the rise. Employment in forestry, public utility operation, and trade showed small gains. The only decline of importance occurred in construction. In that industry, a larger than seasonal increase in building was outweighed by a smaller than average rise in the highway, bridge and street component.

The industrial composite of average weekly wages and salaries rose by 51 cents to \$80.72 in May. The latest figure was \$2.72 above the same month last year. Most major industrial divisions showed increases over the month with declines being recorded in forestry, public utility operations and service. In no case, however, did the changes differ significantly from seasonal patterns. The payroll index at 229.4 was 4.4 p.c. above April 1962 and 6.9 p.c. above May 1961.

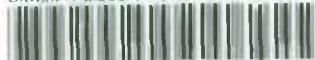
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Industrial divisions and provinces	Employment indexes (1949=100)						Average weekly wages and salaries		
	Unadjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961	May 1962	Apr. 1962		May 1962	Apr. 1962	May 1961
							dollars		
<u>Industrial divisions</u>									
Forestry (chiefly logging)	51.0	34.4	53.3	66.5	66.1		79.08	90.93	73.68
Mining .....	117.9	113.3	117.4	113.9	116.4		98.57	93.49	95.32
Manufacturing .....	113.4	110.4	108.4	112.9	112.0		83.74	83.11	80.72
Durable goods .....	113.1	114.7	111.0	116.2	115.3		90.40	89.59	86.94
Non-durable goods .....	109.4	106.7	106.2	110.1	109.3		77.73	77.27	75.26
Construction .....	125.3	112.3	123.1	122.3	123.9		85.08	83.45	81.27
Transportation, storage, communication .....	109.2	105.9	109.2	103.1	103.1		88.36	87.90	85.60
Public utility operation .	141.3	136.7	133.5	141.0	140.4		95.99	97.01	94.20
Trade .....	139.5	137.7	136.0	140.3	140.5		69.36	69.16	67.34
Finance, insurance and real estate .....	163.1	163.5	161.9	169.0	169.7		77.34	76.40	74.22
Service (2) .....	153.6	152.0	143.3	153.0	155.7		56.69	57.29	55.29
Industrial composite	121.0	116.7	117.2	121.0	120.6		30.72	30.21	73.00
<u>Provinces and regions</u>									
Atlantic region .....	104.4	96.1	101.7	..	..		66.35	67.22	64.68
Newfoundland .....	126.3	115.5	117.9	..	..		73.10	73.30	71.75
Prince Edward Island ...	137.6	114.6	131.9	..	..		60.13	61.53	56.37
Nova Scotia .....	96.3	91.0	96.3	..	..		66.16	65.72	64.66
New Brunswick .....	101.9	92.4	99.2	..	..		64.64	66.05	61.38
Quebec .....	120.2	116.3	116.6	..	..		73.43	77.49	75.26
Ontario .....	123.2	119.9	113.3	..	..		83.92	83.27	81.17
Prairie region .....	131.0	124.5	129.2	..	..		73.13	77.99	75.95
Manitoba .....	110.6	106.9	109.9	..	..		74.63	75.00	72.79
Saskatchewan .....	126.6	117.2	125.4	..	..		76.70	75.97	73.72
Alberta .....	157.2	149.0	153.7	..	..		81.53	81.32	79.54
British Columbia .....	115.1	111.6	112.3	..	..		87.51	87.15	85.35
Canada .....	121.0	116.7	117.2	121.0	120.6		30.72	30.21	73.00

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

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