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ADVANCE STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS

December, 1963

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The industrial composite index of employment (1949=100) declined less than seasonally from November to December. The latest index was 125.4, down 2.5 p.c. from November. As usual for the time of year, employment declined in all major industrial divisions except trade and finance, insurance, and real estate; trade traditionally rises to a seasonal peak in December.

Seasonally-adjusted, the industrial composite rose by 1.0 p.c. from 126.3 in November to 127.6 at the end of December. The marked advance reflected increases in manufacturing (1.4 p.c.), construction (2.6 p.c.) and transportation, storage and communication (1.3 p.c.). In manufacturing, the adjusted indexes for both major components, durables and non-durables, rose strongly. In durables, a major part of the gain occurred in the wood, iron and steel and transportation equipment industries. In non-durables, strengthening in food and beverages, clothing and paper products were important factors.

The rise in the seasonally-adjusted index for construction was a result of smaller-than-seasonal declines in general engineering and in highway, bridge and street construction. The large rise in the adjusted index for transportation, storage and communication, reflected continued expansion in water transportation.

The seasonally-adjusted indexes of employment for all regions were up in December. The largest increases were in the Atlantic Region (1.9 p.c.) and British Columbia (2.0 p.c.). In the remaining regions, employment was up by 1.0 p.c. in Quebec, 0.8 p.c. in the Prairie Region, and 0.4 p.c. in Ontario.

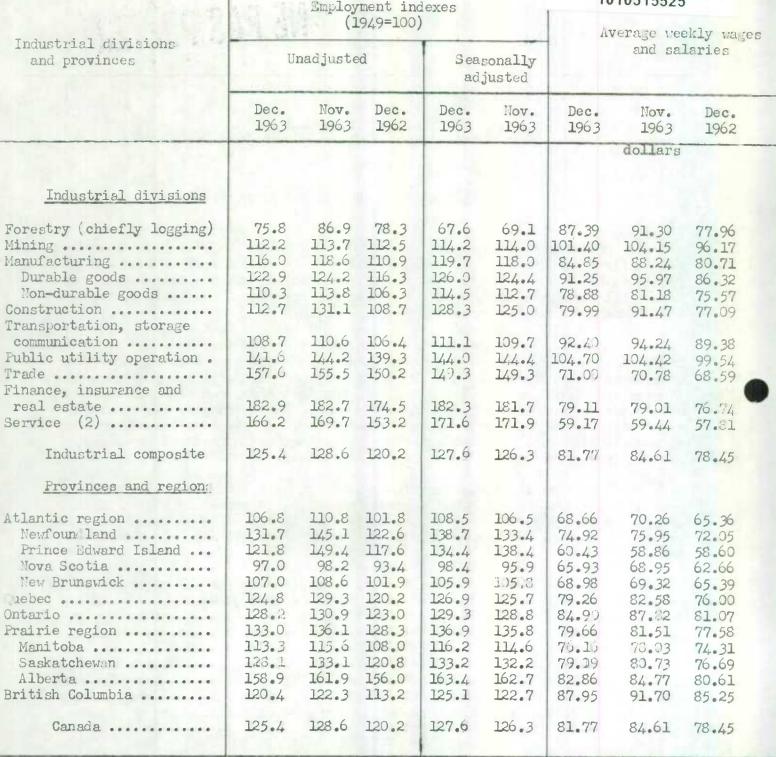
The industrial composite of average weekly wages and salaries declined by \$2.84 to \$81.77 in December. The December figure was \$3.32 above the same month last year. The payroll index, at 240.6, was down 5.8 p.c. from November 1963 but up 8.7 p.c. from the December 1962 figure of 221.4.

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