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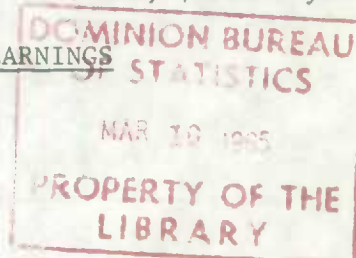
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ADVANCE STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS

DECEMBER 1964

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The industrial composite index of employment declined 2.6 p.c. from the end of November to 131.2 at the end of December. As usual for the time of year, employment declined in all major industrial divisions except trade which rose slightly, and finance, insurance and real estate which was virtually unchanged. Typically, employment in trade reaches a seasonal peak in December as retailers add to their staffs to handle last minute Christmas buying and year-end sales. However, the increase in December 1964 was below average due, in large part, to industrial disputes in Quebec.

Seasonally-adjusted, the industrial composite rose by 0.6 p.c., to 133.4 in December. The large advance resulted from strengthening in manufacturing, construction and in transportation, storage and communication. The rise in manufacturing was evenly distributed between its two major components, each showing gains of more than 1 p.c. In durables, there were smaller-than-seasonal declines for each industry except transportation equipment. In non-durables, most major industry groups showed marked improvement after allowance for usual seasonal variations; the only exceptions were rubber and petroleum in which employment declined seasonally, and leather in which employment declined more than seasonally.

Both major components of construction strengthened over the month, with building and general engineering continuing the expansion that began in the second half of 1964. In transportation, storage and communication, a decline of 1.5 p.c. in the transportation component was much smaller than the usual decrease at this time.

The seasonally-adjusted industrial composite indexes of employment for most provinces rose over the month. The adjusted indexes for New Brunswick, Alberta and British Columbia were virtually unchanged. Of first importance because of the numbers involved were increases of 0.9 p.c. and 0.5 p.c. in Quebec and Ontario, respectively.

The industrial composite of average weekly wages and salaries declined by \$2.24 to \$85.70 in December due, largely, to short-time associated with the year-end holidays. However, the December per capita figure was \$4.06 above the same month last year. The payroll index at 264.0 in December was down 5.1 p.c. from November but up 10.1 p.c. from December 1963.

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Advance Index Numbers of Employment, with Average Weekly Wages and Salaries  
December 1964(1)

Industrial divisions and provinces	Employment indexes (1949=100)					Average weekly wages and salaries		
	Unadjusted			Seasonally adjusted				
	Dec. 1964	Nov. 1964	Dec. 1963	Dec. 1964	Nov. 1964	Dec. 1964	Nov. 1964	Dec. 1963
	dollars							
<u>Industrial divisions</u>								
Forestry (chiefly logging)	72.0	86.0	74.5	65.7	68.6	91.79	98.59	86.87
Mining .....	115.4	116.5	112.4	118.0	117.6	104.51	108.89	101.34
Manufacturing .....	121.9	124.4	115.9	125.5	124.1	88.80	90.91	84.67
Durable goods .....	131.3	133.0	122.7	134.4	132.9	95.11	98.02	91.11
Non-durable goods .....	114.0	117.2	110.2	118.1	116.8	82.74	84.16	78.66
Construction .....	121.3	137.8	111.6	137.8	132.0	86.40	98.52	79.42
Transportation, storage communication .....	110.9	112.5	108.7	113.0	112.0	97.26	97.69	92.37
Public utility operation ..	144.8	147.7	141.0	148.4	148.2	108.16	107.98	104.77
Trade .....	164.1	163.7	157.5	155.4	157.1	73.48	73.30	71.07
Finance, insurance and real estate .....	189.3	189.5	183.1	188.3	188.4	85.99	85.20	79.16
Service(2) .....	184.5	189.2	166.9	191.4	192.0	62.45	62.29	59.24
Industrial composite ..	131.2	134.7	125.1	133.4	132.6	85.70	87.94	81.64
<u>Province and regions</u>								
Atlantic region .....	110.1	114.5	106.4	112.3	111.5	71.69	73.30	68.55
Newfoundland .....	137.6	150.6	131.6	145.7	142.5	79.21	79.26	74.68
Prince Edward Island ....	125.7	147.1	123.2	140.3	134.6	63.12	60.26	59.70
Nova Scotia .....	99.7	101.3	96.6	100.3	99.7	68.28	72.07	65.98
New Brunswick .....	109.9	112.7	106.4	110.5	110.8	72.05	72.15	68.82
Quebec .....	130.5	134.8	124.5	132.4	131.2	83.38	86.28	79.09
Ontario .....	135.3	138.0	128.2	136.6	135.9	88.78	90.70	84.82
Prairie region .....	138.1	141.3	133.0	141.3	140.7	82.70	84.07	79.57
Manitoba .....	116.0	118.4	113.3	118.6	117.4	78.56	79.56	76.01
Saskatchewan .....	130.6	135.7	127.9	135.1	134.4	82.01	82.65	78.98
Alberta .....	168.1	171.4	158.9	171.8	171.6	86.37	88.33	82.81
British Columbia .....	124.9	128.8	119.5	129.1	129.3	93.20	96.83	87.70
Canada .....	131.2	134.7	125.1	133.4	132.6	85.70	87.94	81.64

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