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ADVANCE STATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WEEKLY EARNINGS

MARCH, 1964

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The industrial composite index of employment (1949=100) rose by 0.3 % from 123.0 in February to 123.4 in March. Most major industrial divisions advanced but the gains were offset to some extent by decreases in forestry, mining and public utility operation. A large reduction in forestry is usual in March as logging operations are greatly curtailed in Eastern Canada.

Seasonally adjusted, the industrial composite index of employment for the end of March was virtually unchanged at 129.6. Among the major industrial divisions, the only significant advance occurred in forestry, due largely to strengthening in the Quebec Region. The increase in forestry was balanced by decreases in construction and mining; in the latter division, the reduction resulted from major layoffs in coal in Nova Scotia. There was little change in the remaining industrial divisions.

The adjusted index for manufacturing advanced from 121.0 in February to 121.2 in March. The small rise was due to mild strengthening in non-durables as a result of larger-than-seasonal increases in textile, paper and chemical products.

The seasonally-adjusted indexes for most provinces declined from February to March. The only increases were recorded in Newfoundland, Quebec and Ontario. However, the gains in these provinces offset losses elsewhere.

The industrial composite of average weekly wages and salaries declined by 50 cents to \$85.25 in March. The latest figure was \$2.31 above March 1963. The payroll index for March, at 247.0, was down 0.3 p.c. from February 1964, but up 7.8 p.c. from March 1963.

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

Industrial divisions and provinces	Employment indexes (1949=100)					Average weekly wages and salaries		
	Unadjusted			Seasonally adjusted				
	Mar. 1964	Feb. 1964	Mar. 1963	Mar. 1964	Feb. 1964	Mar. 1964	Feb. 1964	Mar. 1963
						dollars		
<u>Industrial divisions</u>								
Forestry (chiefly logging)	47.8	61.1	44.1	78.7	68.9	97.36	94.80	91.47
Mining	109.0	113.3	111.9	111.7	115.5	107.52	106.14	101.46
Manufacturing	118.5	117.7	112.8	121.2	121.0	88.78	89.00	85.86
Durable goods	125.9	124.9	118.3	127.8	127.8	95.28	95.75	92.29
Non-durable goods	112.2	111.7	108.3	115.7	115.2	82.68	82.69	79.98
Construction	107.3	105.8	103.7	131.1	132.1	88.94	94.51	90.06
Transportation, storage communication	106.0	105.4	103.6	111.2	111.5	94.00	94.49	91.41
Public utility operation .	138.1	139.5	137.6	143.4	144.9	105.45	104.97	102.03
Trade	147.9	145.7	139.3	152.3	152.0	72.90	72.90	70.96
Finance, insurance and real estate	183.9	183.7	175.4	184.6	184.5	81.17	79.93	77.32
Service (2)	171.9	170.3	155.4	179.2	179.0	60.59	60.56	58.90
Industrial composite	123.4	123.0	117.8	129.6	129.5	85.25	85.75	82.94
<u>Province and regions</u>								
Atlantic region	99.5	103.6	96.6	110.1	112.8	71.89	72.70	70.39
Newfoundland	124.1	126.1	114.4	150.4	143.9	78.69	77.76	75.46
Prince Edward Island ...	111.2	109.7	104.8	131.3	132.1	62.02	62.47	63.06
Nova Scotia	88.9	94.5	88.3	96.4	101.5	70.15	71.40	68.20
New Brunswick	101.1	104.6	98.6	109.4	111.0	70.72	72.12	70.78
Quebec	122.6	121.7	116.3	130.2	128.7	82.58	83.27	80.51
Ontario	127.8	126.9	121.8	132.3	131.8	88.46	88.84	85.75
Prairie region	130.0	129.8	125.0	138.4	139.2	81.73	82.38	80.27
Manitoba	110.3	110.2	106.1	116.4	117.2	77.95	78.80	76.62
Saskatchewan	121.3	120.2	115.9	132.4	133.4	80.37	80.73	77.77
Alberta	157.8	157.9	152.1	167.4	168.3	85.38	85.98	84.24
British Columbia	118.7	118.0	113.9	123.3	124.6	93.05	93.52	90.24
Canada	123.4	123.0	117.8	129.6	129.5	85.25	85.75	82.94

- (1) Subject to revision before publication in Employment and Payrolls, (Catalogue No. 72-000)
- (2) Mainly hotels, restaurants, laundries, dry cleaning plants, business and recreational services.