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The unadjusted industrial composite index of employment (1949=100) declined 2.5 p.c. from November to 140.1. Seasonally-adjusted, the index continued to advance this month with an increase of 0.6 p.c. to 142.2.

The main influences on the seasonally-adjusted index were gains over November in manufacturing and construction. In manufacturing an increase of 0.8 p.c. reflected advances in both durables (1.0 p.c.) and non-durables (0.7 p.c.). All the component durable industries contributed to the gain. Less than seasonal declines in iron and steel and non-metallic minerals and a contra-seasonal increase in transportation equipment were particularly important. In non-durables, the main influence was a smaller than usual decline in foods and beverages which arose largely in fruit and vegetable processing. In construction, employment declines were less than normal in both building and general engineering.

In the other industry divisions, the greatest change from last month was a 7.2 p.c. increase in the forestry adjusted index. Other changes ranged from a 0.8 decrease in transportation, storage and communication (mainly the result of an above-average decrease in water transport) to a 0.4 p.c. gain in service.

All regions except the Atlantic Region contributed to the higher seasonally-adjusted composite index. British Columbia rose 1.1 p.c., Quebec 1.0 p.c., Ontario 0.5 p.c. and the Prairie Region 0.1 p.c. All three prairie provinces shared in the gain in the Prairie Region. A 1.2 p.c. decrease in the Atlantic Region originated in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The industrial composite figure for average weekly wages and salaries declined \$2.18 to \$91.35 in December, mainly because of short-time associated with the year-end holidays. The latest figure is \$5.82 above December 1964.

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Advance Index Numbers of Employment, with Average Weekly Wages and Salaries
December 1965(1)

Industrial divisions and provinces	Employment indexes (1949=100)					Average weekly wages and salaries		
	Unadjusted			Seasonally adjusted				
	Dec. 1965	Nov. 1965	Dec. 1964	Dec. 1965	Nov. 1965	Dec. 1965	Nov. 1965	Dec. 1964
						dollars		
<u>Industrial divisions</u>								
Forestry (chiefly logging)	76.1	84.0	71.6	72.9	68.0	99.05	105.58	92.28
Mining	123.7	125.4	115.5	126.1	126.3	114.43	116.01	104.55
Manufacturing	129.7	132.1	121.9	132.8	131.7	94.74	96.64	88.65
Durable goods	143.1	144.4	131.4	145.5	144.0	101.47	104.90	94.86
Non-durable goods	118.5	121.8	113.9	122.2	121.4	87.95	88.45	82.66
Construction	136.7	154.6	120.1	152.8	147.9	98.07	108.19	85.04
Transportation, storage communication	114.1	117.0	110.8	115.5	116.4	102.09	104.41	97.23
Public utility operation	148.1	150.6	144.8	151.7	151.2	113.20	113.73	108.18
Trade	174.9	173.6	164.4	165.8	166.1	77.10	76.69	73.54
Finance, insurance and real estate	198.3	198.9	189.4	197.8	198.2	90.43	89.80	86.00
Service(2)	206.1	210.8	185.4	214.5	213.6	66.66	66.45	62.48
Industrial composite	140.1	143.6	131.2	142.2	141.3	91.35	93.53	85.53
<u>Province and regions</u>								
Atlantic region	116.8	123.5	110.0	119.1	120.5	75.33	76.36	71.62
Newfoundland	154.5	169.3	137.3	163.5	162.3	79.86	82.13	79.46
Prince Edward Island ...	134.0	153.7	126.4	146.7	140.7	65.64	63.56	63.09
Nova Scotia	102.3	106.8	99.7	102.4	104.9	73.58	74.52	67.93
New Brunswick	117.0	121.9	109.6	118.0	119.8	75.32	75.82	72.15
Quebec	138.9	142.6	130.5	140.8	139.4	89.51	91.53	83.15
Ontario	144.1	146.8	135.2	145.2	144.5	94.60	96.95	88.67
Prairie region	146.8	150.5	138.1	149.5	149.4	86.40	87.99	82.56
Manitoba	120.4	123.2	116.1	122.7	122.1	82.20	83.16	78.46
Saskatchewan	139.9	145.7	130.7	143.1	143.0	85.41	86.57	82.06
Alberta	181.6	185.3	167.8	185.5	185.0	90.10	92.36	86.12
British Columbia	137.8	140.6	124.9	141.7	140.2	100.39	104.57	92.83
Canada	140.1	143.6	131.2	142.2	141.3	91.35	93.53	85.53

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