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The unadjusted industrial composite index of employment (1961=100) rose 0.2 p.c. from January to 114.5. The index was 6.8 p.c. higher than in February last year. Seasonally-adjusted employment continued to advance this month; the index at 119.8 was 0.8 p.c. higher than in January.

The main industrial influences on the seasonally-adjusted index were gains over January in manufacturing, construction and transportation, communication and other utilities. In manufacturing small increases were reported in both durables and non-durables as employment rose in all the larger manufacturing industries except tobacco and food and beverages. The rise in the construction seasonally-adjusted index mainly originated in engineering, particularly in the other engineering industry. In transportation, communication and other utilities employment fell less than seasonally from January as transportation reported a small drop while storage, communication and electric power, gas and water reported slight increases.

Among the other industries the largest change from January in the adjusted employment indexes was an 8.3 p.c. gain in forestry. Other changes ranged from a 0.3 p.c. decline in mining to a 0.8 p.c. rise in service.

All regions contributed to the higher seasonally-adjusted composite index. Quebec rose 0.9 p.c. from January's level, Ontario rose 0.3 p.c., the Prairies 1.7 p.c. and British Columbia 0.6 p.c. In the Atlantic Region declines in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were offset by a gain in Newfoundland.

Average weekly wages and salaries at the industrial composite level rose \$1.16 from January to \$94.93. The latest figure is \$5.75 above February last year. In the year-over-year comparison the largest industrial gain was in construction (\$11.75) and the largest regional increase was in British Columbia (\$7.81).

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Advance Employment Index Numbers and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries
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Industry division and province	Employment index numbers (1961=100)					Average weekly wages and salaries		
	Unadjusted			Seasonally adjusted				
	Feb. 1966	Jan. 1966	Feb. 1965	Feb. 1966	Jan. 1966	Feb. 1966	Jan. 1966	Feb. 1965
	dollars							
<u>Industry division</u>								
Forestry	86.4	91.8	85.6	105.6	97.5	106.32	95.91	98.63
Mining	105.9	106.0	100.5	108.1	108.4	119.09	118.18	110.34
Manufacturing	119.8	119.1	111.9	122.2	121.9	98.84	97.73	92.75
Durable goods	131.8	131.1	120.0	133.4	133.1	106.54	105.35	100.29
Non-durable goods	110.1	109.6	105.4	113.3	113.0	91.45	90.48	85.87
Construction	110.9	111.1	94.6	135.4	132.4	115.85	113.38	104.10
Transportation, communi- cation and other util- ities	100.5	100.5	98.1	106.6	105.7	103.22	102.09	97.77
Trade	116.0	116.6	108.4	120.1	119.6	75.98	75.13	72.30
Finance, insurance and real estate	118.6	118.2	114.7	118.7	118.3	90.85	90.76	86.13
Service	129.1	127.5	116.1	135.0	133.9	68.95	68.17	64.43
Industrial composite	114.5	114.3	107.2	119.8	118.9	94.93	93.77	89.18
<u>Province and region</u>								
Atlantic region	107.8	108.6	100.2	115.8	115.3	79.09	77.99	76.12
Newfoundland	112.2	110.6	97.4	129.9	124.4	83.61	81.28	81.17
Prince Edward Island ...	105.1	102.3	95.0	126.9	119.2	65.43	65.24	63.20
Nova Scotia	106.1	107.9	101.9	111.0	111.9	76.30	76.31	74.10
New Brunswick	107.2	108.9	100.5	112.4	113.3	80.63	78.99	76.63
Quebec	112.1	112.2	106.1	118.1	117.0	92.56	91.62	86.65
Ontario	117.7	117.6	110.4	121.1	120.7	97.93	96.90	91.76
Prairie region	109.7	109.3	102.8	116.1	114.2	89.25	87.74	85.84
Manitoba	105.4	105.8	100.2	111.1	110.1	83.58	82.26	81.28
Saskatchewan	108.1	108.3	100.5	118.4	117.1	87.92	86.06	83.94
Alberta	114.0	112.7	106.0	118.6	116.9	94.23	92.79	90.27
British Columbia	119.8	118.7	108.6	125.6	124.9	106.59	105.18	98.78
Canada	114.5	114.3	107.2	119.8	118.9	94.93	93.77	89.18

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