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The unadjusted industrial composite index of employment (1961 = 100) rose 0.5 p.c. from 114.5 in February to 115.1 in March. The index was 6.2 p.c. higher than in March of last year. Seasonally-adjusted, the index rose 0.2 p.c. from last month to 119.9.

The main developments influencing the seasonally-adjusted composite index were gains over February in manufacturing and forestry which more than offset a decline in transportation, communication and other utilities. In manufacturing the gain arose in non-durables where increases in employment were reported by most larger components except knitting mills, textiles and leather, where there were slight declines. In durables, employment rose slightly less than is normal for this time of year. The largest gains were in non-metallic minerals, electrical products and transportation equipment.

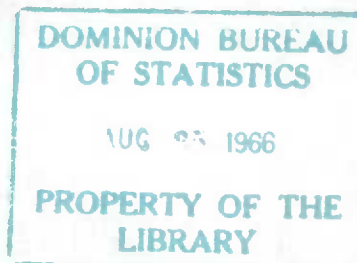
Among the regions, changes from last month in the seasonally-adjusted employment indexes ranged from a 1.0 p.c. increase in the Atlantic Region to a 0.1 p.c. decline in Quebec. Ontario rose by 0.7 p.c., the Prairie Region by 0.8 p.c. and British Columbia remained unchanged. The gain in the Atlantic Region was concentrated in Newfoundland and New Brunswick.

Average weekly wages and salaries at the industrial composite level fell 10 cents from February to \$94.99 in March. The latest figure is \$4.96 above March last year. In the year-over-year comparison the largest industrial gain was in construction (\$9.97), the smallest in trade (\$3.18).

Regionally, changes from February ranged from a decrease of \$1.35 in British Columbia to an increase of 13 cents in both Ontario and Quebec. In the Atlantic Region and the Prairies the figures were respectively 14 cents and 99 cents lower than last month.

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Advance Employment Index Numbers and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries

Industry division and province	Employment index numbers (1961=100)					Average weekly wages and salaries		
	Unadjusted			Seasonally adjusted-				
	March 1966	Feb. 1966	March 1965	March 1966	Feb. 1966	March 1966	Feb. 1966	March 1965
	dollars							
<u>Industry division</u>								
Forestry	75.2	86.6	74.7	115.3	105.9	105.32	106.64	100.60
Mining	106.1	106.0	102.0	107.7	108.2	118.81	119.10	110.70
Manufacturing	120.5	119.9	113.5	122.7	122.4	99.37	98.91	94.75
Durable goods	132.6	131.9	122.8	133.4	133.5	107.00	106.61	103.58
Non-durable goods	110.8	110.2	106.0	114.0	113.4	92.06	91.52	86.55
Construction	112.2	111.2	97.1	135.0	135.8	116.51	116.40	106.54
Transportation, communi- cation and other util- ities	100.5	100.3	99.1	105.1	106.4	102.01	103.50	96.31
Trade	117.8	115.9	109.3	120.8	120.0	75.75	76.00	72.57
Finance, insurance and real estate	118.6	118.5	115.0	119.0	118.6	92.22	90.88	86.68
Service	131.0	129.4	118.1	136.2	135.4	69.08	69.29	64.16
Industrial composite	115.1	114.5	108.4	119.9	119.7	94.99	95.09	90.03
<u>Province and region</u>								
Atlantic region	107.4	107.3	100.8	116.5	115.3	79.03	79.17	76.17
Newfoundland	111.3	110.1	97.8	129.9	127.4	84.89	84.16	80.15
Prince Edward Island ...	100.2	103.2	90.4	124.5	124.6	66.19	65.69	63.55
Nova Scotia	106.1	106.1	103.4	111.0	111.0	76.12	76.31	74.94
New Brunswick	107.0	107.3	100.6	114.2	112.5	79.74	80.51	76.30
Quebec	112.1	112.1	106.9	118.0	118.1	92.96	92.83	87.21
Ontario	118.6	117.7	111.8	121.9	121.1	98.08	97.95	93.81
Prairie region	110.7	109.7	103.1	116.5	115.7	88.65	89.64	84.82
Manitoba	106.2	105.3	100.4	111.9	111.0	83.75	83.79	81.01
Saskatchewan	110.0	108.2	101.2	118.7	118.5	86.85	87.98	82.38
Alberta	114.9	114.0	106.3	119.9	118.6	93.63	94.87	88.86
British Columbia	121.6	120.3	111.1	126.1	126.1	105.42	106.77	97.87
Canada	115.1	114.5	108.4	119.9	119.7	94.99	95.09	90.03

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