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The unadjusted industrial composite index of employment (1961=100) rose 1.2 p.c. from 115.0 in March to 116.4 in April. About one-half of the increase was of a seasonal nature; seasonally-adjusted, the index rose 0.6 p.c. to 120.5. The unadjusted index was 6.4 p.c. higher than in April of last year.

Seasonally-adjusted employment indexes. The main industrial influences on the composite index were gains in forestry, trade and transportation, communication and other utilities. Construction reported a 1.0 p.c. decline as the increase in the number of employees reported was somewhat less than is normal for this time of year. In manufacturing the adjusted index rose by 0.2 p.c. as a slight decline in non-durables was more than offset by a gain in durables. Small increases occurred in the remaining industry divisions: service (0.1 p.c.), finance, insurance and real estate (0.3 p.c.) and mining (0.7 p.c.).

Among the regions, gains from last month in the seasonally-adjusted indexes for Quebec and the Atlantic Region more than offset the effect of a decline in Ontario. British Columbia reported a small increase while the Prairie Region fell slightly. The largest percentage change took place in the Atlantic Region as a result of gains in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries. Average weekly wages and salaries at the industrial composite level rose 65 cents from \$95.12 in March to \$95.77 in April. Higher wages and salaries were reported in all industry divisions except mining where seasonal reductions in hours worked depressed weekly earnings. The largest increases were in forestry (\$3.53), transportation, storage and communication (\$1.39) and construction (\$1.54). In other industries gains ranged from 28 cents in non-durable goods manufacturing to 59 cents in trade. The increase in average weekly wages and salaries at the industrial composite level was also partly the result of a relatively large gain in construction employment where wages are above average.

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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-				
	April 1966	March 1966	April 1965	April 1966	March 1966	April 1966	March 1966	April 1965
	dollars							
<u>Industry division</u>								
Forestry	67.0	74.5	62.6	125.7	114.3	108.87	105.34	98.32
Mining	104.8	106.1	100.1	108.5	107.7	116.79	118.83	109.90
Manufacturing	121.1	120.6	113.7	122.9	122.7	99.78	99.44	94.88
Durable goods	133.5	132.7	122.8	134.2	133.5	107.36	106.99	103.58
Non-durable goods	111.1	110.8	106.4	113.9	114.0	92.47	92.19	86.83
Construction	120.2	112.4	104.1	133.9	135.3	118.74	117.20	105.73
Transportation, communi- cation and other util- ities	103.4	100.4	100.6	106.2	105.0	103.35	101.96	97.58
Trade	118.4	117.1	111.3	121.1	120.1	76.56	75.97	72.93
Finance, insurance and real estate	118.5	118.6	115.0	119.3	119.0	92.95	92.53	87.84
Service	133.2	131.2	121.0	136.6	136.4	69.58	69.13	64.66
Industrial composite	116.4	115.0	109.4	120.5	119.8	95.77	95.12	90.32
<u>Province and region</u>								
Atlantic region	108.9	107.6	100.6	119.3	116.7	79.58	79.20	75.30
Newfoundland	113.6	112.2	101.6	128.9	130.9	85.95	84.88	80.79
Prince Edward Island ...	111.1	100.7	100.4	125.8	125.1	64.15	66.19	61.11
Nova Scotia	108.1	106.1	103.4	113.8	111.0	76.16	76.40	73.74
New Brunswick	106.6	107.1	96.6	119.4	114.3	80.91	79.87	74.99
Quebec	113.9	111.9	107.9	118.4	117.8	93.95	93.17	87.45
Ontario	119.9	118.4	113.0	122.3	121.7	98.67	98.31	94.17
Prairie region	110.8	110.8	103.7	116.4	116.6	89.03	88.85	84.94
Manitoba	106.5	106.3	102.1	110.7	112.0	84.08	83.86	81.46
Saskatchewan	111.5	109.0	103.7	117.0	117.6	87.60	86.40	83.80
Alberta	114.2	115.5	105.2	120.7	120.6	93.55	93.73	88.28
British Columbia	122.7	121.5	112.9	126.6	126.1	107.89	105.51	98.84
Canada	116.4	115.0	109.4	120.5	119.8	95.77	95.12	90.32

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