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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES

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The unadjusted composite index of employment (1961=100) rose 2.9 p.c. from 116.7 in April to 120.1 in May. Seasonally-adjusted, the index fell 0.4 p.c. to 120.3. The unadjusted index was 6.1 p.c. higher than in May of last year.

Seasonally-adjusted employment indexes. Industrially, the main influences on the composite index were declines in forestry and construction where increases in employment were less than are normal for this time of year. In manufacturing the adjusted index rose by 0.1 p.c. as a slight decline in non-durables was more than offset by a gain in durables. All other industry divisions showed small increases, with the exception of mining, where there was a 0.8 p.c. decline. Transportation, communication and other utilities, trade and service all reported 0.1 p.c. increases. The index for finance, insurance and real estate was 0.3 p.c. higher this month.

Among the regions, changes from last month in the seasonally-adjusted employment indexes ranged from a 1.4 p.c. decline in British Columbia to a 0.4 p.c. increase in Ontario. All other regions showed declines: Atlantic (1.0 p.c.), Quebec (0.7 p.c.), Prairie (1.2 p.c.).

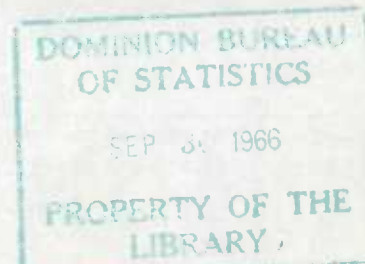
Average Weekly Wages and Salaries. Average weekly wages and salaries at the industrial composite level showed little change from last month. Gains in construction, mining and trade were offset by declines in all other industry divisions. The largest change from last month was a \$4.95 decline in forestry. Other changes ranged from a 71 cent decline in transportation, communication and other utilities to a \$1.87 increase in non-durable goods manufacturing.

Among the regions, changes from last month ranged from a 48 cent decline in the Atlantic Region to a 9 cent increase in British Columbia. Gains in Quebec and the Prairie Region were 32 cents and 13 cents, respectively, while Ontario recorded a decline of 9 cents.

The latest composite figure was \$5.48 above May last year. In the year-over-year comparison, the largest industrial gain was in construction (\$14.38) and the largest regional increase in British Columbia (\$8.46).

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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				
	May 1966	April 1966	May 1965	May 1966	April 1966	May 1966	April 1966	May 1965
	dollars							
<u>Industry division</u>								
Forestry	92.8	67.2	91.8	113.4	126.1	104.17	109.12	91.64
Mining	107.4	104.6	104.9	107.4	108.3	117.18	116.80	108.61
Manufacturing	123.4	121.0	116.4	122.9	122.8	99.67	99.90	94.52
Durable goods	135.8	133.3	125.5	134.3	134.0	107.16	107.47	102.81
Non-durable goods	113.5	111.1	109.1	113.8	113.9	94.48	92.61	86.90
Construction	133.1	121.6	118.9	130.2	135.4	119.81	118.55	105.43
Transportation, communi- cation and other util- ities	106.5	103.6	103.5	106.5	106.4	103.06	103.77	98.00
Trade	120.9	119.7	112.4	122.5	122.4	76.72	76.56	73.59
Finance, insurance and real estate	119.3	118.6	116.0	119.8	119.4	92.89	93.04	88.24
Service	138.0	133.6	125.3	137.2	137.0	69.11	69.54	65.04
Industrial composite	120.1	116.7	113.2	120.3	120.8	95.89	95.91	90.41
<u>Province and region</u>								
Atlantic region	115.7	108.9	108.1	118.1	119.3	79.13	79.61	73.74
Newfoundland	121.4	114.2	111.6	125.3	129.6	84.90	86.21	79.85
Prince Edward Island ...	135.9	111.1	117.9	130.9	125.8	61.38	64.13	61.71
Nova Scotia	113.0	108.1	106.9	114.7	113.8	77.25	76.05	71.81
New Brunswick	113.3	106.3	106.4	116.0	119.0	79.42	80.93	73.21
Quebec	117.2	114.0	111.8	117.7	118.5	94.45	94.13	87.91
Ontario	123.5	120.5	115.9	123.4	123.0	98.74	98.83	94.29
Prairie region	115.0	110.9	108.5	115.1	116.5	89.13	89.00	84.91
Manitoba	110.3	106.8	105.3	110.6	111.0	84.84	84.10	81.40
Saskatchewan	117.0	112.0	109.7	116.1	117.5	87.92	87.76	83.97
Alberta	118.1	113.9	110.7	118.8	120.4	93.47	93.43	88.14
British Columbia	124.8	123.1	116.7	125.1	126.9	108.06	107.97	99.60
Canada	120.1	116.7	113.2	120.3	120.8	95.89	95.91	90.41

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