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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES

FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1968

(These data are subject to revision)

FEBRUARY 1968

The unadjusted composite index of employment (1961=100) decreased by 1.3 p.c. from 119.0 in January to 117.5 in February and was 0.7 p.c. lower than in February of last year. Seasonally-adjusted, the index at 122.3 was 1.0 p.c. lower than the January adjusted index of 123.5.

Seasonally-adjusted employment indexes. Among the industry divisions, the largest change was recorded in the durable goods component of manufacturing. The decrease of 3.8 p.c. resulted largely from industrial disputes in transportation equipment. Other changes ranged from a decrease of 1.1 p.c. in mining to an increase of 0.4 p.c. in finance, insurance, and real estate. Among the regions, changes ranged from a decrease of 1.7 p.c. in Ontario to an increase of 0.1 p.c. in the Atlantic Region.

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries. At the composite level, average weekly wages and salaries at \$106.99 were 89 cents higher than in January and \$6.14 higher than in February of last year. Among the industry divisions, the largest changes were increases of \$10.39 in forestry, \$2.26 in construction, and \$1.58 in mining. All regions showed increases ranging from 16 cents in the Atlantic to \$2.19 in British Columbia.

MARCH 1968

Preliminary estimates indicate that the composite index of employment increased to 118.1 in March from 117.5 in February. The employment index for total manufacturing increased, largely as a result of the settlement of industrial disputes affecting the durable goods component. Increases are indicated for average weekly wages and salaries at the composite level and also in most industry divisions. Further industry and area detail for March is not yet available.

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Advance Employment Index Numbers and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries(1)

Industry division and province	Employment index numbers (1961=100)							Average weekly wages and salaries				
	Unadjusted					Seasonally- adjusted						
	Mar. 1968	Feb. 1968	Jan. 1968	Mar. 1967	Feb. 1967	Feb. 1968	Jan. 1968	Mar. 1968	Feb. 1968	Jan. 1968	Mar. 1967	Feb. 1967
	1961=100							dollars				
<u>Industry division</u>												
Forestry	64.0	75.6	84.8	79.2	94.0	91.4	91.9	128.32	126.52	116.13	114.78	114.62
Mining	108.8	107.3	108.3	107.8	106.5	109.3	110.5	138.00	138.73	137.15	127.62	128.00
Manufacturing	119.2	117.8	119.8	122.0	122.0	120.2	122.4	111.39	111.21	110.30	104.73	103.94
Durable goods	128.9	125.8	130.4	134.7	134.7	127.1	132.1	118.58	119.06	117.28	111.76	110.27
Non-durable goods	111.3	111.3	111.1	111.8	111.8	114.7	114.6	104.68	104.05	103.69	97.93	97.80
Construction	103.4	101.9	104.1	112.9	113.1	121.5	122.2	135.06	134.89	132.63	125.85	130.14
Transportation, communication and other utilities	--	107.8	108.6	105.7	104.8	113.2	113.9	--	119.24	119.24	110.63	111.49
Trade	124.5	123.8	125.6	121.6	120.2	128.3	128.8	84.86	84.50	83.50	80.24	79.92
Finance, insurance and real estate	129.4	129.3	128.9	123.4	122.4	129.7	129.2	102.92	101.63	101.30	99.17	95.95
Service	149.2	148.4	148.0	143.7	142.0	154.6	154.8	78.22	78.19	77.52	74.20	73.91
Industrial composite	118.1	117.5	119.0	118.6	118.3	122.3	123.5	107.26	106.99	106.10	100.98	100.85
<u>Province and region</u>												
Atlantic region	--	107.9	109.8	107.9	108.8	116.6	116.5	--	90.06	89.90	85.90	85.09
Newfoundland	--	108.8	109.8	108.8	113.0	124.7	123.5	--	96.56	95.15	91.03	89.94
Prince Edward Island	--	104.8	106.0	101.7	98.4	128.0	122.3	--	76.64	76.96	73.83	73.82
Nova Scotia	--	107.9	110.3	108.3	107.7	113.4	114.2	--	86.91	87.20	83.57	82.66
New Brunswick	--	107.8	109.7	107.4	108.4	114.6	114.4	--	90.84	90.96	86.48	85.71
Quebec	--	113.8	114.9	115.2	115.2	119.0	119.7	--	105.14	104.43	98.83	98.98
Ontario	--	120.7	123.2	122.4	122.2	124.2	126.3	--	109.78	109.01	103.89	103.35
Prairie region	--	117.6	118.2	115.4	114.7	123.1	123.1	--	101.80	100.80	94.83	95.12
Manitoba	--	113.1	114.2	109.9	109.5	118.3	118.6	--	96.97	96.51	89.27	89.49
Saskatchewan	--	113.9	114.0	111.6	111.0	122.4	121.7	--	99.72	98.23	92.46	93.65
Alberta	--	122.8	123.2	121.8	120.6	127.4	127.7	--	106.28	105.08	100.02	100.12
British Columbia	--	121.9	121.8	125.7	123.4	127.5	128.1	--	117.96	115.77	112.12	113.21
Yukon	--	110.5	108.7	91.8	92.0	132.0	133.6	--	150.92	144.72	134.27	131.71
Northwest Territories	--	91.1	93.1	89.0	88.5	100.0	107.1	--	169.53	164.07	160.79	158.42
Canada	118.1	117.5	119.0	118.6	118.3	122.3	123.5	107.99	106.99	106.10	100.98	100.85

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