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ADVANCE STATEMENT ON EMPLOYMENT AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES

JULY AND AUGUST 1968

(These data are subject to revision)

July 1968

The unadjusted composite index of employment (1961 = 100) decreased by 0.8 per cent from 124.6 in June to 123.6 in July and was 1.7 per cent lower than in July of last year. Seasonally-adjusted, the index at 120.5 was 0.7 per cent lower than the June index of 121.4.

Seasonally-adjusted employment indexes. Among the industry divisions, the largest decreases were recorded in forestry (5.4 per cent), construction (2.1 per cent) and transportation, communication and other utilities (4.0 per cent). The decline in communication affected all regions and can be attributed to the industrial dispute among the post office employees. Manufacturing showed an increase after seasonal adjustment. All regions showed decreases ranging from 0.2 per cent in Ontario to 1.9 per cent in the Prairie Region.

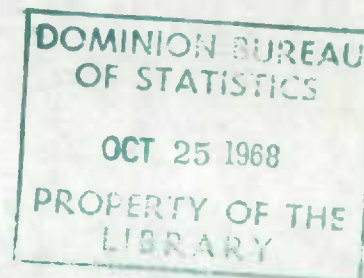
Average Weekly Wages and Salaries. At the composite level, average weekly wages and salaries at \$109.83 were slightly lower than in June and \$6.48 higher than in July of last year. The largest month-over-month increase was recorded in construction (\$2.71) while forestry showed the largest decrease (\$2.34). Among the regions, the largest change was a decline of 79 cents in British Columbia.

August 1968

Preliminary estimates indicate that the composite index of employment increased to 125.4 in August from 123.6 in July. Most industry divisions showed increases. The manufacturing index rose substantially reflecting a return to work following July layoffs associated with the model changeover in motor vehicles. The termination of an industrial dispute involving post office employees contributed to the rise in the composite index. At the composite level, average weekly wages and salaries showed an increase of \$1.34. Service and trade showed slight declines while all other industry divisions showed increases. Further industry and area detail other than that shown in the table below is not yet available.

Labour Division
Employment Section

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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 | | | | | | |
| | Aug. 1968 | July 1968 | June 1968 | Aug. 1967 | July 1967 | July 1968 | June 1968 | Aug. 1968 | July 1968 | June 1968 | Aug. 1967 | July 1967 |
| | 1961=100 | | | | | | | dollars | | | | |
| <u>Industry division</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Forestry | 116.5 | 113.1 | 108.6 | 124.5 | 118.7 | 90.7 | 95.9 | 119.12 | 117.48 | 119.82 | 108.06 | 109.10 |
| Mining | 112.5 | 114.0 | 113.4 | 113.5 | 113.6 | 109.6 | 109.5 | 139.50 | 136.45 | 137.94 | 128.62 | 127.25 |
| Manufacturing | 124.2 | 121.6 | 123.3 | 126.7 | 124.3 | 120.8 | 120.5 | 115.28 | 113.21 | 114.22 | 106.73 | 106.12 |
| Durable goods | 133.5 | 128.1 | 132.4 | 136.0 | 133.4 | 129.9 | 129.2 | 123.75 | 121.74 | 123.27 | 114.79 | 113.64 |
| Non-durable goods | 116.7 | 116.3 | 116.0 | 119.3 | 117.0 | 113.4 | 113.5 | 107.46 | 105.63 | 105.88 | 99.33 | 99.24 |
| Construction | 132.3 | 131.7 | 128.5 | 135.4 | 133.5 | 115.7 | 118.2 | 142.87 | 140.23 | 137.52 | 135.13 | 133.59 |
| Transportation, communication and other utilities | .. | 107.8 | 110.3 | 115.9 | 116.5 | 103.1 | 107.4 | .. | 122.24 | 122.00 | 113.52 | 113.82 |
| Trade | 127.2 | 127.0 | 128.8 | 124.4 | 124.5 | 128.4 | 128.7 | 87.87 | 88.23 | 87.21 | 82.23 | 82.51 |
| Finance, insurance and real estate | 132.2 | 132.9 | 131.8 | 128.1 | 127.2 | 132.7 | 131.9 | 107.30 | 106.65 | 106.10 | 99.83 | 100.08 |
| Service | 162.5 | 162.7 | 160.9 | 163.9 | 163.1 | 154.5 | 154.8 | 79.20 | 79.49 | 79.70 | 76.41 | 76.31 |
| Industrial composite | 125.4 | 123.6 | 124.6 | 127.0 | 125.8 | 120.5 | 121.4 | 111.17 | 109.83 | 109.92 | 103.66 | 103.35 |
| <u>Province and region</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Atlantic region | .. | 122.8 | 121.5 | 126.3 | 124.6 | 114.4 | 115.6 | .. | 89.29 | 90.00 | 84.42 | 83.98 |
| Newfoundland | .. | 128.1 | 124.7 | 137.2 | 132.5 | 112.7 | 113.6 | .. | 99.53 | 99.79 | 89.53 | 89.87 |
| Prince Edward Island | .. | 146.1 | 139.7 | 142.0 | 146.6 | 130.3 | 131.2 | .. | 68.82 | 72.44 | 71.82 | 68.69 |
| Nova Scotia | .. | 117.0 | 117.3 | 117.5 | 117.4 | 112.2 | 114.4 | .. | 86.76 | 88.24 | 82.60 | 81.98 |
| New Brunswick | .. | 124.1 | 122.8 | 128.4 | 126.2 | 116.6 | 116.8 | .. | 87.58 | 87.47 | 84.23 | 83.93 |
| Quebec | .. | 119.2 | 120.0 | 123.8 | 122.7 | 115.8 | 116.8 | .. | 107.55 | 107.36 | 122.03 | 101.63 |
| Ontario | .. | 124.4 | 126.7 | 127.7 | 125.9 | 123.8 | 124.0 | .. | 113.45 | 113.33 | 107.03 | 106.51 |
| Prairie region | .. | 125.2 | 125.1 | 126.8 | 126.6 | 119.0 | 121.3 | .. | 105.10 | 105.39 | 97.94 | 97.82 |
| Manitoba | .. | 117.4 | 117.4 | 119.7 | 119.8 | 112.5 | 114.3 | .. | 101.78 | 101.33 | 93.51 | 93.45 |
| Saskatchewan | .. | 123.6 | 125.1 | 126.1 | 126.1 | 116.3 | 120.4 | .. | 104.34 | 105.21 | 97.22 | 96.92 |
| Alberta | .. | 132.4 | 131.7 | 133.2 | 132.6 | 125.5 | 127.7 | .. | 107.89 | 108.53 | 101.62 | 101.53 |
| British Columbia | .. | 132.3 | 131.3 | 135.4 | 135.2 | 125.9 | 127.9 | .. | 121.15 | 121.94 | 114.98 | 115.62 |
| Yukon | .. | 135.3 | 136.0 | 114.5 | 136.0 | 114.9 | 118.8 | .. | 171.43 | 171.60 | 140.76 | 140.19 |
| Northwest Territories | .. | 119.2 | 111.1 | 118.9 | 112.0 | 102.1 | 99.1 | .. | 169.79 | 174.28 | 158.82 | 159.42 |
| Canada | 125.4 | 123.6 | 124.6 | 127.0 | 125.8 | 120.5 | 121.4 | 111.17 | 109.83 | 109.92 | 103.66 | 103.35 |

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