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		Agricul- ture, Forestry, Fishing, Trapping, Mining	Manu- fac- turing	Con- struc- tion	Utilities, Trans- portation, Communi- cation, Storage, Trade	Finance, Services (includ- ing Govern- ment)	Supple- mentary Labour Income	Total
					58	59	5	215
1939	M	23	62	8		60	6	244
1940	0	26	78	11	63	66	8	298
1941	n	29	106	16	73		11	353
1942	t	30	142	18	80	72		
1943	h	32	168	21	86	78	14	399
1944	1	33	171	17	95	83	13	412
1945	У	35	156	19	100	90	13	413
1946		41	147	25	114	103	14	444
1947	A	42	177	34	134	114	17	518
1948	V	49	203	41	154	131	19	597
1949	е	49	214	47	169	147	21	647
1950	r	55	231	47	180	156	24	693
1951	a	72	272	52	208	178	28	810
1952		76	303	63	233	199	32	906
	g	73	329	70	252	217	35	976
1953		73	323	69	261	239	35	1,000
1954	8	77	342	78	278	256	37	1,068
1955				93	307	283	41	1,190
1956		87	379	70	307	20)	A-a-	
1955	- January	73	316	60	258	244	35	986
-///	February	70	325	57	258	246	35	991
	March	62	328	57	260	250	35	992
	April	61	333	64	268	249	36	1,011
	May	72	338	74	275	253	37	1,049
	June	80	344	85	281	262	38	1,090
	July	83	343	86	284	251	38	1,085
		85	351	93	284	256	38	1,107
	August	84	354	94	287	266	38	1,123
	September	36	354	100	288	264	39	1,131
	October	36		89	292	268	39	1,128
	November		354 357	78	293	265	39	1,117
	December	85	221	10	~//			
1956	- January	75	349	71	280	263	39	1,077
1//0	February	79	358	69	282	264	38	1,090
	March	70	365	70	284	266	39	1,094
	April	68	371	79	291	277	40	1,126
	May	78	377	92	301	281	40	1,169
		89	381	105	311	288	41	1,215
	June	95	382	105	317	281	43	1,223
	July	98	382	108	319	286	43	1,236
	August			110	324	299	44	1,268
	September	99	392			294	43	1,273
	October	104	394	114	324	300	44	1,265
	November	98	397	101	325		43	1,248
	December	96	397	90	327	295	4)	سرمهم و س
	- January	87	384	76	310	298	42	1,197

xIncludes Newfoundland, since 1949.

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## January 1957

Following the customary seasonal reduction of activity in many branches of the economy, labour income received by Canadian paid workers in January was estimated at \$1,197 million, down \$51 million from the previous month. The estimate was, however, \$120 million, or 11 per cent, above that for the corresponding month in 1956.

The January decline in labour income was common to all the major industrial divisions, with the exception of the finance and service group, which showed a slight increase. The largest loss of \$17 million occurred in the distributive industries, which not only reflected the normal post-Christmas contraction in the payrolls in trade but also the effect of the strike of railway employees. Total wages and salaries declined \$14 million in construction, influenced by the severe weather in many parts of the country, \$13 million in manufacturing and \$9 million in the primary group of industries.

The seasonally adjusted estimates of labour income found on page 4 of the Bulletin have been revised from 1954 to date, to incorporate a complete reworking of the seasonal indexes. After allowance for seasonal variations, labour income increased nearly one-half of 1 per cent between December and January, in contrast with a decline of 4 per cent in the unadjusted estimates.

The Consumer Price Index (1949=100) went up a shade from 120.3 to 120.5 between the beginning of January and February, and compared with 116.4 at the start of February, 1956.



## Notes on Estimates of Labour Income

Estimates of total labour income comprise all wages, salaries and supplementary remuneration for employees' services. Gross earnings—before deductions for income tax, unemployment insurance and pension contributions—are used in the calculation of total wages and salaries, which include bonuses and commissions as well as free room and board provided by the employer. Employers' contribution to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation, pensions and welfare are shown as supplementary labour income.

The monthly estimates of total wages and salaries are projections from annual estimates, mainly on indexes of aggregate payrolls for major industrial groups along with various employment and wage rate data. A constant number of working days in each month is assumed in the estimation of labour income. A detailed account of the concepts and methods is set out in the report "National Accounts, Income and Expenditure by Quarters 1947-1952" (November 1953).

The annual estimates of labour income are compiled from basic sources within the Bureau and from other reports of governments and business. Labour income constituted 62 per cent of net national income at factor cost in 1955. The relationship between labour income and other items of the national accounts are shown in the bulletin "National Accounts, Income and Expenditure, 1950-1955" (July 1956).

Seasonally	Adjusted	Estimates	of Labour	Income	(Revised)
	(\$ 1	Millions)			

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	1954	1955	1956	1957
January February March April May June July August September October	983 988 988 987 994 1,005 1,000 1,007	1,025 1,029 1,036 1,044 1,056 1,068 1,072 1,084 1,088 1,095	1,123 1,137 1,149 1,166 1,175 1,186 1,207 1,208 1,225 1,230	1,247
November	1,016	1,103	1,236	
December	1,026	1,110	1,242	

The figures included in this bulletin supersede those in earlier issues, and those for the most recent years are subject to further minor revisions as new source materials become available.

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