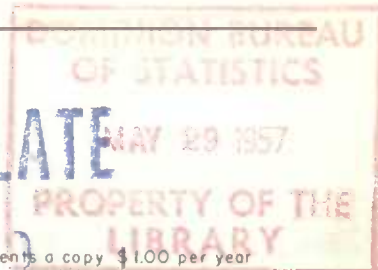


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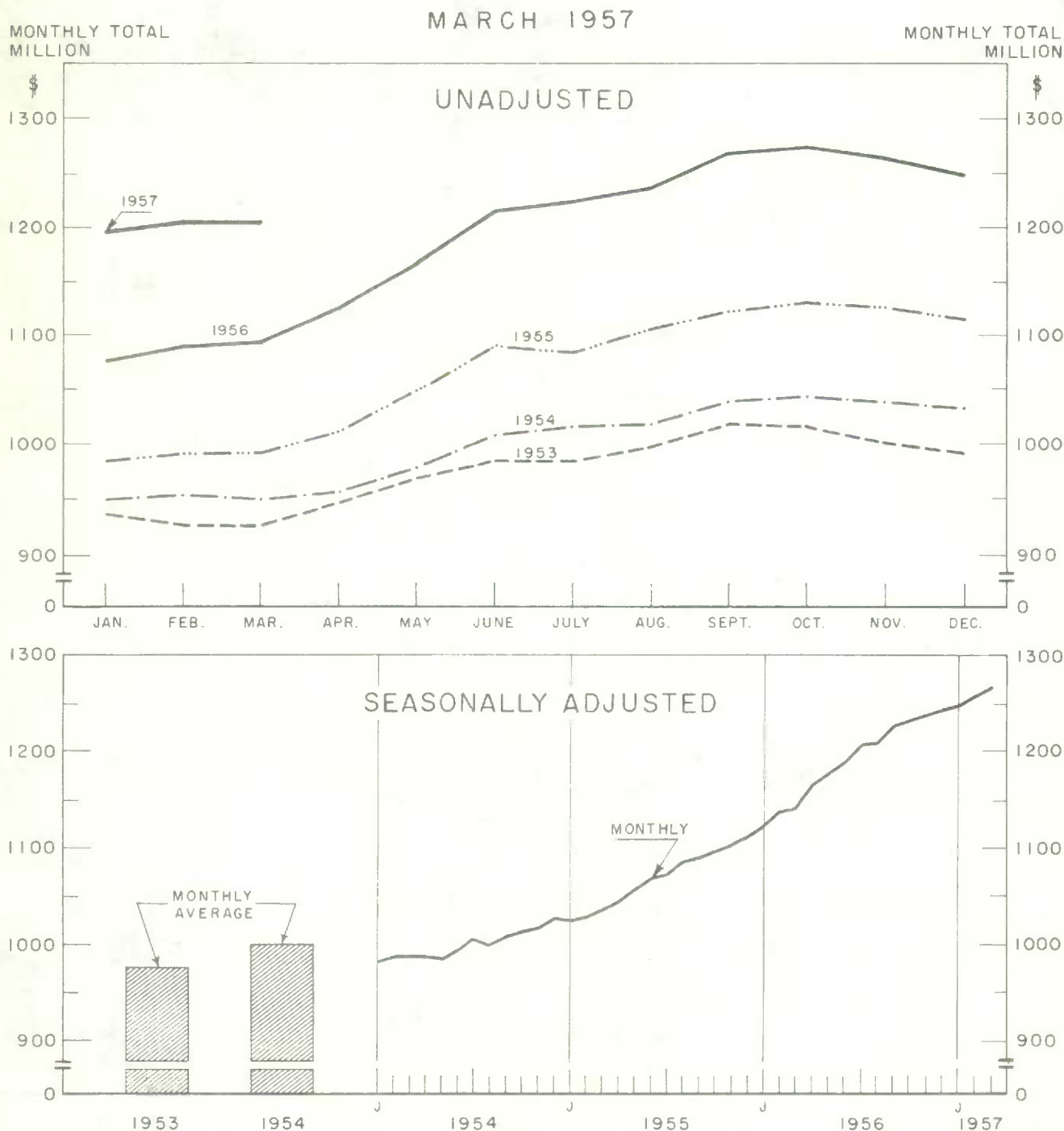


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		Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Trapping, Mining	Manu- fac- turing	Con- struc- tion	Utilities, Trans- portation, Communi- cation, Storage, Trade	Finance, Services (includ- ing Govern- ment)	Supple- mentary Labour Income	Total
1939	M	23	62	8	58	59	5	215
1940	o	26	78	11	63	60	6	244
1941	n	29	106	16	73	66	8	298
1942	t	30	142	18	80	72	11	353
1943	h	32	168	21	86	78	14	399
1944	l	33	171	17	95	83	13	412
1945	y	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
x1949	e	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	g	76	303	63	233	199	32	906
1953	e	73	329	70	252	217	35	976
1954	s	73	323	69	261	239	35	1,000
1955		77	342	78	278	256	37	1,068
1956		87	379	93	307	283	41	1,190
1955 -	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
	August	85	351	93	284	256	38	1,107
	September	84	354	94	287	266	38	1,123
	October	86	354	100	288	264	39	1,131
	November	86	354	89	292	268	39	1,128
	December	85	357	78	293	265	39	1,117
1956 -	January	75	349	71	280	263	39	1,077
	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
	June	89	381	105	311	288	41	1,215
	July	95	382	105	317	281	43	1,223
	August	98	382	108	319	286	43	1,236
	September	99	392	110	324	299	44	1,268
	October	104	394	114	324	294	43	1,273
	November	98	397	101	325	300	44	1,265
	December	96	397	90	327	295	43	1,248
1957 -	January	87	384	76	310	298	42	1,197
	February	85	389	74	316	299	42	1,205
	March	77	393	73	317	302	43	1,205

xIncludes Newfoundland, since 1949.

ESTIMATES OF LABOUR INCOME

March 1957

Labour income received by paid workers in Canada remained steady at \$1,205 million between February and March. During the month, total wages and salaries rose \$4 million in manufacturing and \$3 million in the finance and services group, while supplementary labour income increased \$1 million. On the other hand, total wages and salaries in the primary group of industries fell \$8 million (with most of the loss concentrated in logging) and \$1 million in construction.

Between March of 1956 and 1957, labour income advanced \$111 million, or about 10 per cent.

The cumulative total of labour income for the first three months of 1957 amounted to \$3,607 million, up \$346 million or about 10½ per cent over the first quarter 1956 estimate of \$3,261 million. The over-the-year relative gains ranged between 6 per cent for construction and nearly 13½ per cent for finance and services. Manufacturing wages and salaries and supplementary labour income were the other components which increased at lower rates than the over-all rise for total labour income.

The relative gain of 10½ per cent in total labour income between the first quarter of 1956 and 1957 could be roughly allocated to an increase of nearly 4½ per cent for employment and more than 6 per cent for average weekly earnings.

Paid workers with jobs numbered 4,118,000 and 4,276,000 persons, respectively, in March of 1956 and 1957; and average weekly earnings in the major non-agricultural industries were \$63.20 and \$67.37 at the beginning of March in the two years. The average factory workweek declined fractionally from about 41 1/3 to 41 hours over the period.

The seasonally adjusted estimates of labour income, published on page 4 of this bulletin, totalled \$3,769 million, which was slightly over 1½ per cent above the total of \$3,708 million for the fourth quarter of 1956. During the first quarter, the rate of increase continued to moderate from a recent peak for the quarter-to-quarter growth of 3½ per cent between the first and second quarters of 1956.



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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) (\$ Millions)

	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
January	983	1,025	1,123	1,247
February	988	1,029	1,137	1,256
March	988	1,036	1,149	1,266
April	988	1,044	1,166	
May	987	1,056	1,175	
June	994	1,068	1,186	
July	1,005	1,072	1,207	
August	1,000	1,084	1,208	
September	1,007	1,088	1,225	
October	1,012	1,095	1,230	
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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