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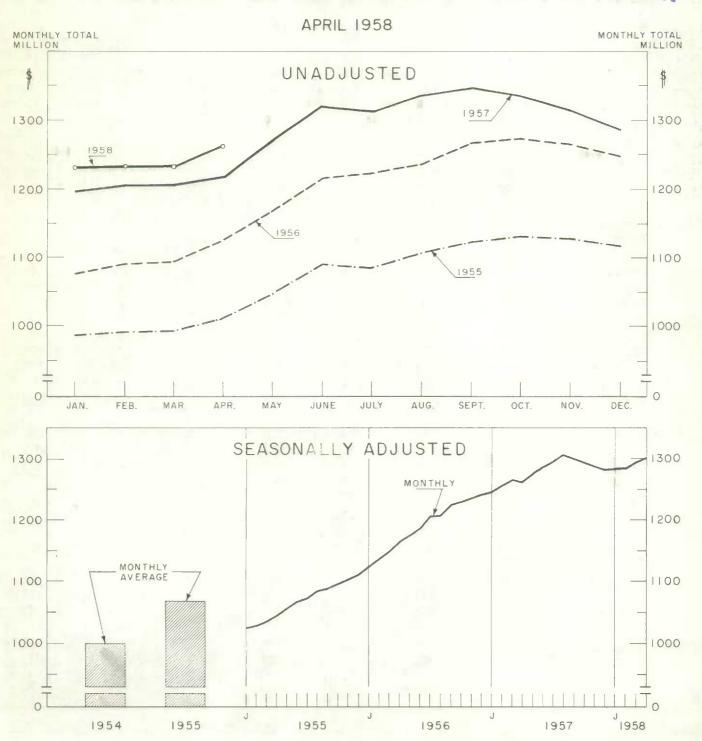
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AF		Agricul- ture, Forestry, Fishing, Trapping, Mining	Manu- fac- turing	Con- struc- tion	Utilities, Trans- portation, Communi- cation, Storage, Trade	Finance, Services (includ- ing Govern- ment)	Supple- mentary Labour Income	Total
		10	2.00	2/	134	114	17	518
1947	H	42	177	34	154	131	19	597
1948	0	49	203	41		147	21	647
1949	n	49	214	47	169		24	693
1950 A	t	55	231	47	180	156	28	810
1951 1	7 h	72	272	52	208	178		906
1952	e l	76	303	63	233	199	32	
1953	r y	73	329	70	252	217	35	976
1954	a	73	323	69	261	239	35	1,000
1955	g	77	342	78	278	256	37	1,068
1956	e	87	379	93	307	283	41	1,190
1957	8	90	397	97	335	316	44	1,279
1056	To make war	75	349	71	280	263	39	1,077
1956 -	*	79	358	69	282	264	38	1,090
	February		365	70	284	266	39	1,094
	March	70		79	291	277	40	1,126
	April	68	371	92	301	281	40	1,169
	May	78	377		311	288	41	1,215
	June	89	381	105	317	281	43	1,223
	July	95	382	105		286	43	1,236
	August	98	382	108	319			1,268
	September	99	392	110	324	299	44	1 272
	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
	April	72	393	83	324	303	43	1,218
	May	85	397	97	334	313	44	1,270
	June	96	405	110	343	323	45	1,322
	July	101	402	109	347	308	45	1,312
	August	104	403	110	347	325	46	1,335
		103	404	114	347	331	46	1,345
	September	97	401	116	345	330	46	1,335
	October	89	397	104	348	332	46	1,316
	November December	84	396	92	343	328	45	1,288
3044	T	70	376	82	327	325	43	1,231
1958 -		78	381	75	328	325	43	1,232
	February	80		78	328	326	42	1,233
	March April	75 72P	384R 386P	911	337P	331P	44P	1,261

xIncludes Newfoundland, since 1949. R - revised; P - preliminary.

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April 1958

The total of wages, salaries, and supplementary forms of labour income received by residents of Canada in April is estimated to have been \$1,261 million. This represents a rise of \$28 million (2.3 p.c.) from the previous month. Although much of the increase can be explained by reference to normal seasonal influences a large part was also due to non-seasonal factors. The seasonally adjusted total climbed from \$1,295 million in March to \$1,304 million in April, an increase of \$9 million or 0.7 p.c. This is the second substantial increase in a row since the downturn in labour income in the latter part of 1957, the February-March increase having been roughly of the same magnitude (\$11 million). A larger aggregate wage bill in the construction industry was a major contributing factor in the over-all income advance, both seasonal and non-seasonal. Manufacturing payrolls (about 30 p.c. of total payrolls) were approximately unchanged since March, apart from a small rise normal to this period of the year.



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 1956. The relationships between labour income and other items of the national accounts are shown in the bulletin "National Accounts, Income and Expenditure, 1950-1956" (May 1957).

Seasonally Adjusted Estimates of Labour Income (\$ Millions)

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
January	983	1,025	1,123	1,247	1,283
February	988	1,029	1,137	1,256	1,284
March	988	1,036	1,149	1,266	1,295
April	988	1,044	1,166	1,263	1,304P
May	987	1,056	1,175	1,274	
June	994	1,068	1,186	1,285	
July	1,005	1,072	1,207	1,295	
August	1,000	1,084	1,208	1,305	
September	1,007	1,088	1,225	1,300	
October	1,012	1,095	1,230	1,292	
November	1,016	1,103	1,236	1,288	
December	1,026	1,110	1,242	1,282	

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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. In addition, the most recent monthly figures are preliminary and subject to revision in the next issue.

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