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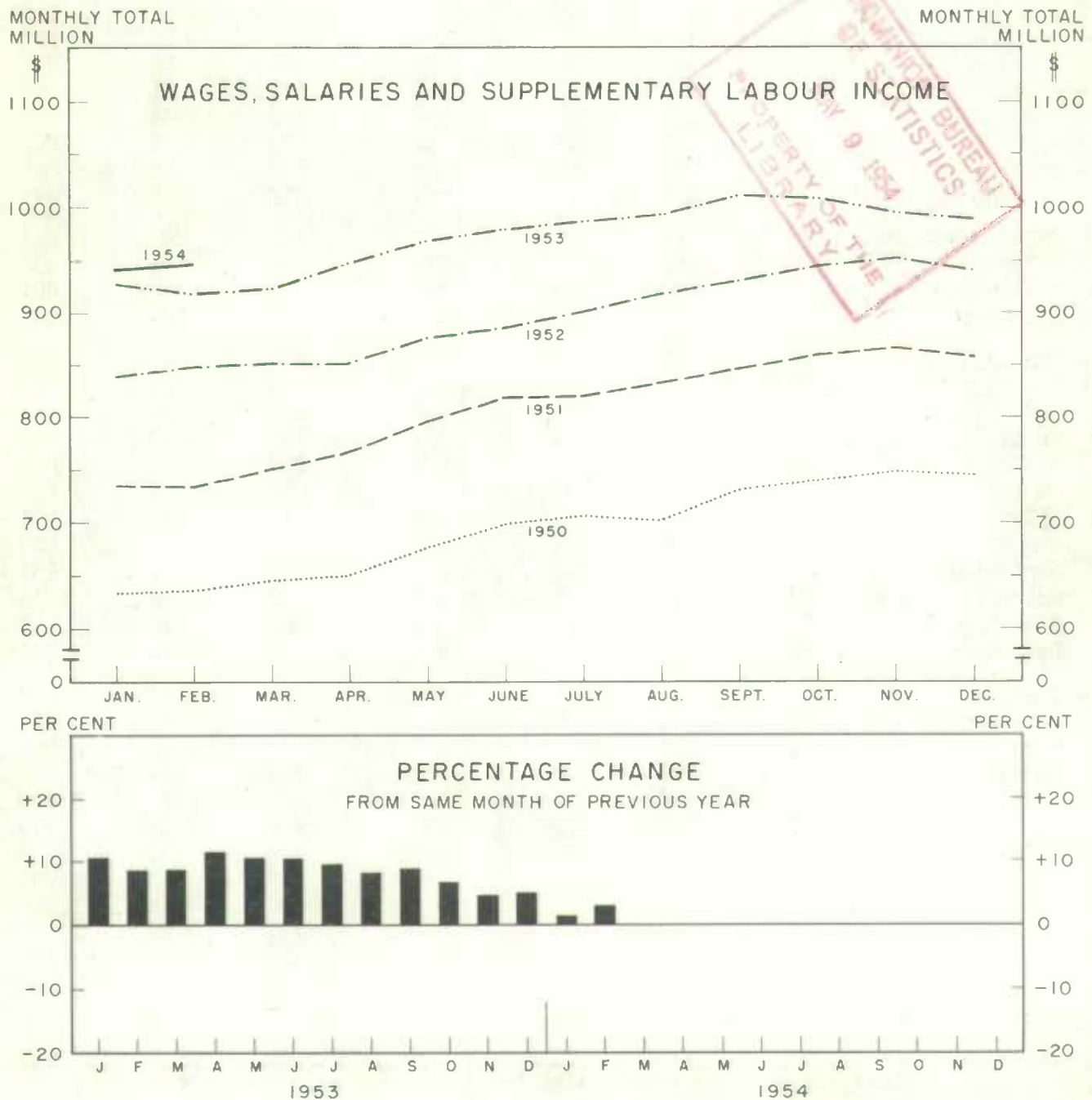
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(\$ Millions)

	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 - Average	23	62	8	58	59	5	215
1940 - Average	26	78	11	63	60	6	244
1941 - Average	29	106	16	73	66	8	298
1942 - Average	30	142	18	80	71	10	353
1943 - Average	32	168	21	86	78	14	399
1944 - Average	33	171	17	95	83	13	412
1945 - Average	35	156	19	100	90	13	413
1946 - Average	41	147	25	114	103	14	444
1947 - Average	42	177	34	134	114	17	518
1948 - Average	49	203	41	154	131	19	597
x 1949 - Average	49	214	47	169	147	21	647
1950 - Average	55	231	47	180	156	24	693
1951 - Average	70	270	52	208	178	28	806
1952 - Average	76	299	62	230	197	31	895
1953 - Average	73	326	70	251	218	33	971
1951 - September	76	282	61	217	182	29	847
October	81	280	60	219	188	30	858
November	83	280	60	223	191	30	867
December	81	286	52	222	188	29	858
1952 - January	79	279	49	215	188	29	839
February	80	284	47	216	193	29	849
March	74	290	48	218	193	29	852
April	63	291	53	222	193	30	852
May	69	292	60	227	197	30	875
June	71	292	61	231	200	30	885
July	71	294	70	234	201	31	901
August	78	304	75	234	197	31	919
September	80	312	74	236	198	31	931
October	82	314	77	239	202	32	946
November	83	318	75	242	202	32	952
December	76	322	62	245	205	32	942
1953 - January	71	317	58	247*	203	32	928
February	69	322	56	235	207	31	920
March	61	325	57	236	213	32	924
April	61	326	63	253*	213	33	949
May	69	328	72	249	219	32	969
June	75	328	72	253	218	33	979
July	77	325	76	255	219	34	986
August	80	328	81	256	215	33	993
September	81	333	82	258	224	34	1,012
October	78	328	83	259	227	34	1,009
November	77	324	76	258	227	33	995
December	72	330	69	257	228	33	989
1954 - January	65	317	56	247	224	32	941
February	66	320	54	249	226	32	947

x Includes Newfoundland, since 1949. * Includes retroactive wage payment to railway employees.

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February 1954

Canadian labour income for February was estimated at \$947 million, up \$6 million from the previous month. This total of wages, salaries and supplementary labour income was \$27 million or nearly 3 per cent higher than the estimate for the corresponding month of 1953.

All the major industrial groups, with the exception of construction, contributed to the small rise in labour income during February. Total wages and salaries in manufacturing advanced \$3 million; each of the totals for the distributive group of industries and for finance and services increased by \$2 million, and that for the primary industries by \$1 million. A decline of \$2 million in construction wages and salaries followed the seasonal pattern of recent years.

The wages and salaries total for the commodity producing sector, comprising the primary industries, manufacturing and construction, showed a decline of \$7 million from \$447 million for February 1953 to \$440 million for February 1954. Over the same period, the total for the distributive group and finance and services rose \$33 million to \$475 million in February 1954. Average weekly earnings for the main non-agricultural industries surveyed reached a new record of \$59.30 at the beginning of March 1954, as compared with \$57.40 one year previously.

The level of the Consumer Price Index (1949 = 100), which declined fractionally during the current month, was 115.5 at March 1, 1954, in comparison with 114.8 at the beginning of March 1953.



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Components of Labour Income

Estimates of total labour income include 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 wages and salaries, and include bonuses and commissions as well as allowances for food, clothing and living accommodation where these are provided by the employer. Employers' contribution to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation, pensions and welfare are shown as supplementary labour income.

Methods of Estimation

The monthly estimates of total wages and salaries are projections from annual estimates; these projections are based mainly on the indexes of aggregate payrolls for major industries, compiled by the Bureau's Employment Section. Federal and provincial government payroll statistics collected by the Public Finance and Transportation Division are incorporated; and various employment and wage rate data are used to compute monthly estimates for other industries. The annual estimates of labour income are compiled from original sources within the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and from other statements and reports of governments and business. A full description of the concepts, sources and methods covering the annual estimates is found in the reference document "National Accounts, Income and Expenditure, 1926-1950" (December 1951).

A constant number of working days in each month is assumed in the estimation of monthly labour income. A detailed account of concepts and methods is set out in the bulletin "Wages, Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income in Canada by Months, January 1946 to April 1947", and also in the report "National Accounts, Income and Expenditure by Quarters 1947-1952" (November 1953).

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.

Relation to the National Accounts

Labour Income constituted 61 per cent of "Net National Income at Factor Cost" in 1953. The relationship between labour income and other items of the National Accounts can be studied in the bulletin, "National Accounts, Income and Expenditure, Preliminary 1953" (February 1954).