

Average Weekly Wages and Salaries.—Average weekly wages and salaries rose by 4.3 p.c. from 1958 to 1959. The increase was larger than those taking place in periods when employment was relatively quiet, but exceeded the year-to-year rises recorded in other years since 1947. The largest percentage increase was recorded for transportation, storage and communication (6.6 p.c.) in which group higher wage rates for railway employees were a major factor in the change. Increases in all other divisions except forestry and construction were very close to the 4.3 p.c. recorded in the general average. In construction, the rise was 2.7 p.c. Average weekly wages and salaries in forestry, where many wage-earners are paid on a piece-work basis, declined fractionally from 1958 to 1959. This was the first instance of a year-to-year reduction in average weekly earnings in any industry division noted in the postwar period. Industrial disputes in British Columbia, which affected the figures for July and August, contributed to the lower average for the industry in 1959, earnings in that province being above the Canada level.

10.—Annual Index Numbers of Employment and Payrolls, together with Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, by Industry, Province and Urban Area, 1957-59

Industry, Province and Urban Area	Employment (1949=100)			Payrolls (1949=100)			Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		
	1957	1958	1959	1957	1958	1959	1957	1958	1959
Industry							\$	\$	\$
Forestry (chiefly logging).....	99.3	75.9	78.9	172.0	136.0	141.3	69.38	71.74	71.63
Mining.....	127.2	123.5	123.4	207.7	207.9	217.6	83.89	86.60	90.76
Manufacturing.....	115.8	109.8	111.1	185.3	182.7	193.3	69.94	72.67	75.84
Durable goods ¹	125.3	114.8	115.5	199.8	190.6	201.1	74.81	77.93	81.67
Non-durable goods ¹	107.6	105.6	107.3	171.1	175.0	185.6	65.08	67.77	70.52
Construction.....	135.7	126.2	130.3	241.8	227.4	241.1	73.63	74.54	76.55
Transportation, storage, communi- cation.....	120.4	115.5	114.3	178.7	179.9	189.4	71.20	74.72	79.65
Public utility operation.....	133.6	137.6	138.7	221.9	242.8	257.6	78.99	83.85	88.08
Trade.....	131.8	131.6	135.3	203.3	211.6	227.1	57.51	60.20	63.12
Finance, insurance and real estate.....	145.0	149.3	153.2	216.8	233.0	247.4	63.36	66.40	68.82
Service ²	131.9	135.1	139.3	205.9	221.0	236.1	45.77	48.23	50.27
Industrial Composite	122.6	117.9	119.7	194.7	194.1	205.7	67.93	70.43	73.47
Province									
Newfoundland.....	130.1	122.6	125.8	215.2	202.4	212.2	61.99	62.36	63.68
Prince Edward Island.....	115.2	114.9	126.3	173.6	175.1	209.5	50.68	51.15	54.75
Nova Scotia.....	100.2	95.5	96.3	150.8	148.6	154.6	56.36	58.33	60.17
New Brunswick.....	103.8	98.0	101.7	157.4	150.8	162.4	57.33	58.14	60.39
Quebec.....	121.5	117.0	118.5	192.8	192.7	203.6	65.18	67.69	70.56
Ontario.....	124.3	119.6	121.3	198.2	197.8	209.3	70.56	73.20	76.39
Manitoba.....	110.9	108.7	112.2	166.5	171.7	186.1	63.73	66.85	70.16
Saskatchewan.....	125.3	126.6	130.0	197.4	206.9	218.6	65.26	68.14	70.13
Alberta (including Northwest Ter- ritories).....	152.2	150.5	155.0	238.5	246.4	263.9	69.62	72.88	75.63
British Columbia (including Yu- kon).....	123.9	114.7	115.1	200.6	190.7	202.1	73.80	75.88	80.09
Urban Area									
St. John's, Nfld.....	124.1	126.0	135.5	192.1	199.3	221.8	49.82	50.98	52.78
Sydney, N.S.....	93.3	90.8	87.2	138.9	140.3	135.6	70.16	72.62	73.03
Halifax, N.S.....	117.8	114.4	117.0	181.3	182.6	194.7	54.80	57.19	59.73
Moncton, N.B.....	..	97.9	99.8	..	148.9	158.4	..	55.55	57.55
Saint John, N.B.....	99.4	95.6	101.5	144.8	143.5	160.9	52.26	54.00	56.87
Chicoutimi-Jonquière, Que.....	110.1	193.2	87.51
Quebec, Que.....	110.8	108.1	110.4	175.6	178.6	192.2	56.22	58.64	61.62
Shawbrooke, Que.....	106.9	98.4	100.3	165.5	155.2	163.4	55.71	57.13	59.08
Sherbrooke Falls, Que.....	..	102.7	100.0	..	170.5	173.0	..	76.91	80.12
Trois Rivières, Que.....	118.3	113.2	116.5	181.4	176.9	192.2	62.97	64.07	67.66
Drummondville, Que.....	75.8	73.7	77.3	112.1	111.6	121.0	57.35	58.72	60.26
Montreal, Que.....	124.6	121.5	123.3	197.1	199.9	212.3	66.11	68.87	72.02

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