

EMPLOYMENT UP: Employment in the major industrial divisions was at a higher level at the beginning of May, reversing the trend of preceding months. The Bureau's ~~advance~~ index, on the 1939 base, climbed to a new high for May at 184.1, 1.1 per cent above April 1, and 3.8 per cent in advance of May 1, 1952.

The payrolls index climbed at 526.2 at May 1 from 524.5 a month earlier and 468.4 at the same time last year, while average weekly wages and salaries at the beginning of May rose to \$57.54 as compared with \$57.33 a month ago and \$54.34 at the beginning of May, 1952.

The improvement in employment was widely distributed.

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AIR CARRIERS' DEFICIT: Operating revenues of Canadian air carriers for January amounted to \$6,271,000 -- a new high for the month -- and 11.3 per cent above the January, 1952 total of \$5,635,000. Total operating expenses also rose to a new peak at \$6,640,000, exceeding the previous January total of \$5,920,000 by 12.2 per cent. The result was a seasonal deficit of \$369,000 as compared with \$284,000 a year earlier.

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COMMERCIAL SECRETARY, LONDON: Mr. Gordon H. Rochester, M.B.E., B. Sc.; of Ottawa, Chief of the Wood and Wood Products Section in the Commodities Branch of the Department of Trade and Commerce, has been appointed Commercial Secretary (Timber) in London, England, to succeed Mr. R.D. Roe, whose services have been made available on loan to the Department of Defence Production and who will have charge of the work of that Department in the United Kingdom and on the Continent.

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HEADQUARTERS TRAINING: The Canadian Army isn't taking any chances on its headquarters personnel becoming "chairborne". This year, more than 850 officers and men from Army Headquarters in Ottawa will undergo a week's training at Petawawa Military Camp where they will brush up on such subjects as minor tactics, fieldcraft, tests on elementary weapon training, range firing and at least one night exercise.

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There ~~were~~ 1,434 clothing factories in Montreal and they produce over 42 per cent of all the clothing manufactured in Canada.