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## I INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of the twenty-seventh labour force survey of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, covering the week ended May 31, 1952. The survey is one of a continuing series begun in November, 1945, and taken at quarterly intervals since. Over 30,000 households chosen by area sampling methods in 112 different areas in Canada are visited each quarter. The labour force surveys provide periodic estimates of the employment characteristics of the civilian noninstitutional population of working age. Persons are classified according to current activity during the specific weeks covered by the surveys.

The final estimates are obtained by weighting the sample survey results to estimated totals of population in age and sex groups in each province. These totals are derived from the official estimates of population based on census counts adjusted by the numbers of births, deaths, immigrants, and known emigrants for the intervening period. The population estimates used for the 1952, and November, 1951, surveys are based on 1951 Census data. Estimates for previous surveys had been based on 1941 Census figures and were somewhat higher than if calculated on the basis of 1951 Census data because of the lack of reliable material on certain classes of emigration. The whole series of labour force estimates before November, 1951, has been revised to bring them in line with revised population estimates for inter-censal years and is being published as a Reference Paper. In this report all estimates shown for the March, June, and August, 1951, surveys are on the revised basis.

Tables 1 to 8, inclusive, of this report present data for Canada as a whole, Table 1 summarizing labour force characteristics and the remainder dealing with particular classifications. All regional data are brought together in Table 9. Definitions and explanations with reference to these tables are contained in Part III.

The estimates are subject to sampling error. In general, the smaller the estimate, the larger is the relative sampling error. Any estimate of less than 10,000 is replaced throughout the tables by an asterisk, as an indication that the sampling error associated with it is relatively large and that it should not be used without careful reservation.

It has not so far been possible to include in the labour force surveys persons living in certain inaccessible areas and Indians living on reservations, an estimated total of 180,000.



## II      SUMMARY

In the week ended May 31, 1952, the civilian labour force totalled 5,329,000 representing an increase of 74,000 (1.4%) over the total of 5,255,000 for the week ended June 2, 1951. During the same period the number of persons not in the labour force increased to a greater extent by 122,000 (2.7%) from 4,459,000 to 4,581,000. Consequently, the total increase in the civilian non-institutional population 14 years of age and over was 196,000 (2.1%), the total being 9,910,000 at the end of May, 1952.

The shift of workers from the agricultural to the nonagricultural labour force noted in earlier surveys has continued during the past year. Thus, the agricultural labour force declined from 998,000 for the week ended June 2, 1951 to 926,000 for the week ended May 31, 1952. During the same time the non-agricultural labour force rose from 4,257,000 to 4,403,000.

Persons with jobs increased by 50,000 from 5,172,000 in the week ended June 2, 1951 to 5,222,000 in the week ended May 31, 1952. A somewhat larger proportion of this group was working full time (defined as 35 hours or more) during the current survey week than at the same season last year. At the same time the number having a job who did no work and were not looking for work, increased by 38,000, the increase being spread among several categories including those persons involved in a labour dispute, on temporary layoff, ill and on vacation.

Persons without jobs and seeking work in the week ended May 31 numbered 107,000 or 24,000 more than during the same season last year. In addition to this group being somewhat larger there was some indication that the average length of time spent between jobs was greater than last year.

In that portion of the population not in the labour force, there were 94,000 more persons keeping house and 60,000 more going to school than at the same time last year.

## III      DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

(a) Labour force - The civilian labour force is composed of that portion of the civilian noninstitutional population 14 years of age and over that had jobs or that did not have jobs and were seeking work during the survey week.

(b) Persons with jobs - For the purpose of the labour force survey, this category consists of two groups:

- (i) those who did any work in the survey week for pay or profit or who did unpaid work which contributed to the running of a farm or a business operated by a relative;
- (ii) those who had jobs but did not work during the survey week because of illness, bad weather, vacation, labour dispute, or temporary layoff with definite instructions to return to work within 30 days of the time of being laid off. (Persons who had jobs but did not work during the survey week and who also looked for work are included in (c) below, "Persons without jobs and seeking work".)

A useful supplement to the estimates of persons with jobs is provided in Table 4 which contains estimates of the weekly hours of work of persons employed in agriculture and in nonagricultural industries, and also of paid workers in nonagricultural industries. While variations in the estimates of the total number of persons with jobs provide a valuable indicator of economic conditions, significant changes in employment conditions may be concealed unless attention is focussed on the extent to which people worked less than full time. In this table, persons with jobs but not at work in the survey week are classed as working zero hours. Table 5 classifies persons in this category by the reasons for their absence from work.

(c) Persons without jobs and seeking work - This category includes those persons who were looking for work in the survey week and who did no work. Persons who were temporarily away from their jobs during the whole of the survey week and were seeking work are considered as without jobs and are included in this category. In addition to those who actively looked for work, this classification includes persons who would have looked for work, except that they were temporarily ill, were on indefinite or prolonged layoff, or believed that no work was available.

(d) Persons not in the labour force - The non-working part of the population 14 years of age and over consists of those who are outside the labour force in the sense that they do not work for pay or profit or as unpaid workers in family enterprises such as farms or businesses and are not looking for work. Persons not in the labour force include, therefore, such groups as those going to school or keeping house, persons who are too old or unable to work for some other reason, and persons who are voluntarily idle or retired. Persons, such as housewives, students and others, who worked part-time are classed as persons with jobs, or, if they are looking for work, they are classed as persons without jobs and seeking work.

Table 1. - Summary of the labour force characteristics of the population 14 years of age and over, Canada.  
(estimates in thousands)

|                   | Total | Civilian labour force    |                       |                 |       |      |                       | Without<br>jobs and<br>seeking<br>work | Not<br>in the<br>labour<br>force |
|-------------------|-------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------|------|-----------------------|--|----------------------------------|
|                   |       | Total<br>labour<br>force | With jobs             |                 |       |      | Not at<br>work<br>(1) |  |                                  |
|                   |       |                          | Total<br>with<br>jobs | At work (hours) |       |      |                       |  |                                  |
|                   |       |                          |                       | 35 or<br>more   | 15-34 | 1-14 |                       |  |                                  |
| <u>Both Sexes</u> |       |                          |                       |                 |       |      |                       |  |                                  |
| May 31, 1952      | 9,910 | 5,329                    | 5,222                 | 4,655           | 330   | 108  | 129                   | 107                                    | 4,581                            |
| Mar. 1, 1952      | 9,887 | 5,179                    | 4,967                 | 4,305           | 389   | 93   | 180                   | 212                                    | 4,708                            |
| Nov. 3, 1951      | 9,790 | 5,210                    | 5,110                 | 4,458           | 451   | 82   | 119                   | 100                                    | 4,580                            |
| Aug. 18, 1951     | 9,744 | 5,343                    | 5,266                 | 4,579           | 309   | 79   | 299                   | 77                                     | 4,401                            |
| June 2, 1951      | 9,714 | 5,255                    | 5,172                 | 4,632           | 335   | 114  | 91                    | 83                                     | 4,459                            |
| Mar. 3, 1951      | 9,688 | 5,114                    | 4,944                 | 4,200           | 428   | 109  | 207                   | 170                                    | 4,574                            |
| <u>Males</u>      |       |                          |                       |                 |       |      |                       |  |                                  |
| May 31, 1952      | 4,970 | 4,143                    | 4,053                 | 3,739           | 178   | 36   | 100                   | 90                                     | 827                              |
| Mar. 1, 1952      | 4,965 | 4,053                    | 3,872                 | 3,422           | 250   | 47   | 153                   | 181                                    | 912                              |
| Nov. 3, 1951      | 4,920 | 4,085                    | 4,005                 | 3,613           | 265   | 33   | 94                    | 80                                     | 835                              |
| Aug. 18, 1951     | 4,899 | 4,193                    | 4,136                 | 3,744           | 165   | 18   | 209                   | 57                                     | 706                              |
| June 2, 1951      | 4,888 | 4,086                    | 4,020                 | 3,746           | 170   | 33   | 71                    | 66                                     | 802                              |
| Mar. 3, 1951      | 4,874 | 4,005                    | 3,857                 | 3,359           | 271   | 55   | 172                   | 148                                    | 869                              |
| <u>Females</u>    |       |                          |                       |                 |       |      |                       |  |                                  |
| May 31, 1952      | 4,940 | 1,186                    | 1,169                 | 916             | 152   | 72   | 29                    | 17                                     | 3,754                            |
| Mar. 1, 1952      | 4,922 | 1,126                    | 1,095                 | 883             | 139   | 46   | 27                    | 31                                     | 3,796                            |
| Nov. 3, 1951      | 4,870 | 1,125                    | 1,105                 | 845             | 186   | 49   | 25                    | 20                                     | 3,745                            |
| Aug. 18, 1951     | 4,845 | 1,150                    | 1,130                 | 835             | 144   | 61   | 90                    | 20                                     | 3,695                            |
| June 2, 1951      | 4,826 | 1,169                    | 1,152                 | 886             | 165   | 81   | 20                    | 17                                     | 3,657                            |
| Mar. 3, 1951      | 4,814 | 1,109                    | 1,087                 | 841             | 157   | 54   | 35                    | 22                                     | 3,705                            |

(1) Includes persons who did not work at their jobs during the survey week because of illness, bad weather, vacation, labour dispute or temporary layoff and who were not seeking work.



Table 2. - Age distributions, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

|                          | Total | 14-19<br>years | 20-24<br>years | 25-44<br>years | 45-64<br>years | 65 years<br>and over |
|--------------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| <u>The Labour Force</u>  |       |                |                |                |                |                      |
| <u>Both sexes</u>        |       |                |                |                |                |                      |
| May 31, 1952             | 5,329 | 530            | 753            | 2,427          | 1,392          | 227                  |
| March 1, 1952            | 5,179 | 518            | 720            | 2,350          | 1,371          | 220                  |
| June 2, 1951             | 5,255 | 552            | 758            | 2,341          | 1,368          | 236                  |
| <u>Males</u>             |       |                |                |                |                |                      |
| May 31, 1952             | 4,143 | 331            | 496            | 1,936          | 1,172          | 208                  |
| March 1, 1952            | 4,053 | 322            | 473            | 1,899          | 1,162          | 197                  |
| June 2, 1951             | 4,086 | 340            | 493            | 1,884          | 1,156          | 213                  |
| <u>Females</u>           |       |                |                |                |                |                      |
| May 31, 1952             | 1,186 | 199            | 257            | 491            | 220            | 19                   |
| March 1, 1952            | 1,126 | 196            | 247            | 451            | 209            | 23                   |
| June 2, 1951             | 1,169 | 212            | 265            | 457            | 212            | 23                   |
| <u>Persons with Jobs</u> |       |                |                |                |                |                      |
| <u>Both sexes</u>        |       |                |                |                |                |                      |
| May 31, 1952             | 5,222 | 506            | 732            | 2,392          | 1,368          | 224                  |
| March 1, 1952            | 4,967 | 475            | 681            | 2,275          | 1,323          | 213                  |
| June 2, 1951             | 5,172 | 533            | 741            | 2,317          | 1,349          | 232                  |
| <u>Males</u>             |       |                |                |                |                |                      |
| May 31, 1952             | 4,053 | 314            | 479            | 1,905          | 1,150          | 205                  |
| March 1, 1952            | 3,872 | 291            | 441            | 1,830          | 1,119          | 191                  |
| June 2, 1951             | 4,020 | 327            | 481            | 1,864          | 1,139          | 209                  |
| <u>Females</u>           |       |                |                |                |                |                      |
| May 31, 1952             | 1,169 | 192            | 253            | 487            | 218            | 19                   |
| March 1, 1952            | 1,095 | 184            | 240            | 445            | 204            | 22                   |
| June 2, 1951             | 1,152 | 206            | 260            | 453            | 210            | 23                   |



Table 2. - Age distributions, Canada - con.

(estimates in thousands)

|  | Total | 14-19<br>years | 20-24<br>years | 25-44<br>years | 45-64<br>years | 65 years<br>and over |
|--|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| <u>Persons without Jobs and<br/>Seeking Work</u> |       |                |                |                |                |                      |
| May 31, 1952                                     | 107   | 24             | 21             | 35             | 24             | *                    |
| March 1, 1952                                    | 212   | 43             | 39             | 75             | 48             | *                    |
| June 2, 1951                                     | 83    | 19             | 17             | 24             | 19             | *                    |
| <u>Persons not in the<br/>Labour Force</u>       |       |                |                |                |                |                      |
| <u>Both sexes</u>                                |       |                |                |                |                |                      |
| May 31, 1952                                     | 4,581 | 748            | 317            | 1,575          | 1,078          | 863                  |
| March 1, 1952                                    | 4,708 | 785            | 348            | 1,575          | 1,128          | 872                  |
| June 2, 1951                                     | 4,459 | 735            | 315            | 1,511          | 1,082          | 816                  |
| <u>Males</u>                                     |       |                |                |                |                |                      |
| May 31, 1952                                     | 827   | 319            | 33             | 36             | 95             | 344                  |
| March 1, 1952                                    | 912   | 334            | 48             | 53             | 117            | 360                  |
| June 2, 1951                                     | 802   | 308            | 33             | 35             | 102            | 324                  |
| <u>Females</u>                                   |       |                |                |                |                |                      |
| May 31, 1952                                     | 3,754 | 429            | 284            | 1,539          | 983            | 519                  |
| March 1, 1952                                    | 3,796 | 451            | 300            | 1,522          | 1,011          | 512                  |
| June 2, 1951                                     | 3,657 | 427            | 282            | 1,476          | 980            | 492                  |

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 3. - Occupational status of persons with jobs, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

|                        | Total | Paid<br>workers | Own-<br>account<br>workers<br>(1) | Employers<br>(2) | Unpaid<br>family<br>workers<br>(3) |
|------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| <u>Both sexes</u>      |       |                 |                                   |                  |                                    |
| May 31, 1952           | 5,222 | 3,887           | 730                               | 306              | 299                                |
| Mar. 1, 1952           | 4,967 | 3,725           | 712                               | 282              | 248                                |
| June 2, 1951           | 5,172 | 3,752           | 906                               | 189              | 325                                |
| <u>Agricultural</u>    |       |                 |                                   |                  |                                    |
| May 31, 1952           | 924   | 105             | 495                               | 76               | 248                                |
| Mar. 1, 1952           | 825   | 87              | 482                               | 62               | 194                                |
| June 2, 1951           | 997   | 112             | 563                               | 49               | 273                                |
| <u>Nonagricultural</u> |       |                 |                                   |                  |                                    |
| May 31, 1952           | 4,298 | 3,782           | 235                               | 230              | 51                                 |
| Mar. 1, 1952           | 4,142 | 3,638           | 230                               | 220              | 54                                 |
| June 2, 1951           | 4,175 | 3,640           | 343                               | 140              | 52                                 |
| <u>Males</u>           |       |                 |                                   |                  |                                    |
| May 31, 1952           | 4,053 | 2,885           | 685                               | 287              | 196                                |
| Mar. 1, 1952           | 3,872 | 2,749           | 671                               | 266              | 186                                |
| June 2, 1951           | 4,020 | 2,777           | 852                               | 181              | 210                                |
| <u>Agricultural</u>    |       |                 |                                   |                  |                                    |
| May 31, 1952           | 839   | 99              | 485                               | 74               | 181                                |
| Mar. 1, 1952           | 786   | 83              | 477                               | 61               | 165                                |
| June 2, 1951           | 898   | 103             | 553                               | 48               | 194                                |
| <u>Nonagricultural</u> |       |                 |                                   |                  |                                    |
| May 31, 1952           | 3,214 | 2,786           | 200                               | 213              | 15                                 |
| Mar. 1, 1952           | 3,086 | 2,666           | 194                               | 205              | 21                                 |
| June 2, 1951           | 3,122 | 2,674           | 299                               | 133              | 16                                 |
| <u>Females</u>         |       |                 |                                   |                  |                                    |
| May 31, 1952           | 1,169 | 1,002           | 45                                | 19               | 103                                |
| Mar. 1, 1952           | 1,095 | 976             | 41                                | 16               | 62                                 |
| June 2, 1951           | 1,152 | 975             | 54                                | *                | 115                                |
| <u>Agricultural</u>    |       |                 |                                   |                  |                                    |
| May 31, 1952           | 85    | *               | 10                                | *                | 67                                 |
| Mar. 1, 1952           | 39    | *               | *                                 | *                | 29                                 |
| June 2, 1951           | 99    | *               | 10                                | *                | 79                                 |
| <u>Nonagricultural</u> |       |                 |                                   |                  |                                    |
| May 31, 1952           | 1,084 | 996             | 35                                | 17               | 36                                 |
| Mar. 1, 1952           | 1,056 | 972             | 36                                | 15               | 33                                 |
| June 2, 1951           | 1,053 | 966             | 44                                | *                | 36                                 |

(1) Without paid employees. (2) With own business, profession, or farm. (3) In a business or farm.

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Number of hours worked during the survey week, Canada

(estimates in thousands)

|                          | Total | 0<br>hours | 1-14<br>hours | 15-24<br>hours | 25-34<br>hours | 35-44<br>hours | 45-54<br>hours | 55 and<br>over |
|--------------------------|-------|------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <u>All Status Groups</u> |       |            |               |                |                |                |                |                |
| <u>Both sexes</u>        |       |            |               |                |                |                |                |                |
| May 31, 1952             | 5,222 | 129        | 108           | 141            | 189            | 2,362          | 1,304          | 989            |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 4,967 | 180        | 93            | 174            | 215            | 2,331          | 1,348          | 626            |
| June 2, 1951             | 5,172 | 91         | 114           | 147            | 188            | 2,131          | 1,396          | 1,105          |
| <u>Agricultural</u>      |       |            |               |                |                |                |                |                |
| May 31, 1952             | 924   | *          | 49            | 32             | 32             | 52             | 168            | 582            |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 825   | 20         | 28            | 51             | 58             | 130            | 242            | 296            |
| June 2, 1951             | 997   | *          | 51            | 47             | 29             | 52             | 154            | 658            |
| <u>Nonagricultural</u>   |       |            |               |                |                |                |                |                |
| May 31, 1952             | 4,298 | 120        | 59            | 109            | 157            | 2,310          | 1,136          | 407            |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 4,142 | 160        | 65            | 123            | 157            | 2,201          | 1,106          | 330            |
| June 2, 1951             | 4,175 | 85         | 63            | 100            | 159            | 2,079          | 1,242          | 447            |
| <u>Males</u>             |       |            |               |                |                |                |                |                |
| May 31, 1952             | 4,053 | 100        | 36            | 71             | 107            | 1,730          | 1,087          | 922            |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 3,872 | 153        | 47            | 105            | 145            | 1,718          | 1,135          | 569            |
| June 2, 1951             | 4,020 | 71         | 33            | 69             | 101            | 1,524          | 1,181          | 1,041          |
| <u>Agricultural</u>      |       |            |               |                |                |                |                |                |
| May 31, 1952             | 839   | *          | *             | 19             | 25             | 46             | 162            | 571            |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 786   | 19         | 14            | 44             | 56             | 125            | 236            | 292            |
| June 2, 1951             | 898   | *          | *             | 24             | 20             | 46             | 147            | 650            |
| <u>Nonagricultural</u>   |       |            |               |                |                |                |                |                |
| May 31, 1952             | 3,214 | 91         | 29            | 52             | 82             | 1,684          | 925            | 351            |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 3,086 | 134        | 33            | 61             | 89             | 1,593          | 899            | 277            |
| June 2, 1951             | 3,122 | 65         | 28            | 45             | 81             | 1,478          | 1,034          | 391            |

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 4. - Number of hours worked during the survey week, Canada - con.

(estimates in thousands)

|   | Total | 0<br>hours | 1-14<br>hours | 15-24<br>hours | 25-34<br>hours | 35-44<br>hours | 45-54<br>hours | 55 and<br>over |
|---|-------|------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <u>All Status Groups-</u><br><u>con.</u>        |       |            |               |                |                |                |                |                |
| <u>Females</u>                                  |       |            |               |                |                |                |                |                |
| May 31, 1952                                    | 1,169 | 29         | 72            | 70             | 82             | 632            | 217            | 67             |
| Mar. 1, 1952                                    | 1,095 | 27         | 46            | 69             | 70             | 613            | 213            | 57             |
| June 2, 1951                                    | 1,152 | 20         | 81            | 78             | 87             | 607            | 215            | 64             |
| <u>Agricultural</u>                             |       |            |               |                |                |                |                |                |
| May 31, 1952                                    | 85    | *          | 42            | 13             | *              | *              | *              | 11             |
| Mar. 1, 1952                                    | 39    | *          | 14            | *              | *              | *              | *              | *              |
| June 2, 1951                                    | 99    | *          | 46            | 23             | *              | *              | *              | *              |
| <u>Nonagricultural</u>                          |       |            |               |                |                |                |                |                |
| May 31, 1952                                    | 1,084 | 29         | 30            | 57             | 75             | 626            | 211            | 56             |
| Mar. 1, 1952                                    | 1,056 | 26         | 32            | 62             | 68             | 608            | 207            | 53             |
| June 2, 1951                                    | 1,053 | 20         | 35            | 55             | 78             | 601            | 208            | 56             |
| <u>Paid Workers</u><br><u>(Nonagricultural)</u> |       |            |               |                |                |                |                |                |
| <u>Both sexes</u>                               |       |            |               |                |                |                |                |                |
| May 31, 1952                                    | 3,782 | 112        | 49            | 85             | 126            | 2,179          | 962            | 269            |
| Mar. 1, 1952                                    | 3,638 | 132        | 51            | 95             | 122            | 2,090          | 934            | 214            |
| June 2, 1951                                    | 3,640 | 76         | 52            | 74             | 128            | 1,959          | 1,055          | 296            |
| <u>Males</u>                                    |       |            |               |                |                |                |                |                |
| May 31, 1952                                    | 2,786 | 84         | 25            | 42             | 64             | 1,572          | 772            | 227            |
| Mar. 1, 1952                                    | 2,666 | 107        | 26            | 49             | 65             | 1,497          | 746            | 176            |
| June 2, 1951                                    | 2,674 | 56         | 24            | 35             | 62             | 1,378          | 865            | 254            |
| <u>Females</u>                                  |       |            |               |                |                |                |                |                |
| May 31, 1952                                    | 996   | 28         | 24            | 43             | 62             | 607            | 190            | 42             |
| Mar. 1, 1952                                    | 972   | 25         | 25            | 46             | 57             | 593            | 188            | 38             |
| June 2, 1951                                    | 966   | 20         | 28            | 39             | 66             | 581            | 190            | 42             |

\* Less than 10,000.



Table 5. - Reason for absence of persons with jobs not at work during the survey week,  
Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

|              | Total | Illness | Bad<br>weather | Vacation | Labour<br>dispute | Temporary<br>layoff<br>(1) | Other |
|--------------|-------|---------|----------------|----------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| May 31, 1952 | 129   | 54      | *              | 33       | 12                | 19                         | *     |
| Mar. 1, 1952 | 180   | 76      | 20             | 20       | *                 | 51                         | 10    |
| June 2, 1951 | 91    | 43      | *              | 26       | *                 | 12                         | *     |

(1) Includes only those who had definite instructions to return to their jobs within 30 days of date on which layoff began.

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 6. - Marital status of females with jobs, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

|                        | Total | Single | Married | Other<br>(1) |
|------------------------|-------|--------|---------|--------------|
| <u>Total</u>           |       |        |         |              |
| May 31, 1952           | 1,169 | 678    | 381     | 110          |
| Mar. 1, 1952           | 1,095 | 659    | 324     | 112          |
| June 2, 1951           | 1,152 | 684    | 361     | 107          |
| <u>Agricultural</u>    |       |        |         |              |
| May 31, 1952           | 85    | 21     | 59      | *            |
| Mar. 1, 1952           | 39    | 12     | 23      | *            |
| June 2, 1951           | 99    | 27     | 65      | *            |
| <u>Nonagricultural</u> |       |        |         |              |
| May 31, 1952           | 1,084 | 657    | 322     | 105          |
| Mar. 1, 1952           | 1,056 | 647    | 301     | 108          |
| June 2, 1951           | 1,053 | 657    | 296     | 100          |

(1) Includes widowed, divorced, and permanently separated.

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 7. - Number of months looking for work, for persons without jobs during the survey week, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

|              | Total | Under 1 month | 1-3 months | 4-6 months | 7-12 months | 13-18 months | 19 and over |
|--------------|-------|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| May 31, 1952 | 107   | 32            | 40         | 23         | *           | *            | *           |
| Mar. 1, 1952 | 212   | 40            | 116        | 42         | *           | *            | *           |
| June 2, 1951 | 83    | 28            | 28         | 13         | *           | *            | *           |

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 8. - Class of nonworker of persons not in the labour force, Canada  
(estimates in thousands)

|                   | Total | Permanently unable or too old to work | Keeping house | Going to school | Retired or voluntarily idle | Other |
|-------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| <u>Both sexes</u> |       |                                       |               |                 |                             |       |
| May 31, 1952      | 4,581 | 230                                   | 3,219         | 703             | 415                         | 14    |
| Mar. 1, 1952      | 4,708 | 248                                   | 3,233         | 697             | 514                         | 16    |
| June 2, 1951      | 4,459 | 236                                   | 3,125         | 643             | 441                         | 14    |
| <u>Males</u>      |       |                                       |               |                 |                             |       |
| May 31, 1952      | 827   | 145                                   | *             | 380             | 296                         | *     |
| Mar. 1, 1952      | 912   | 154                                   | *             | 360             | 388                         | 10    |
| June 2, 1951      | 802   | 147                                   | *             | 321             | 324                         | *     |
| <u>Females</u>    |       |                                       |               |                 |                             |       |
| May 31, 1952      | 3,754 | 85                                    | 3,218         | 323             | 119                         | *     |
| Mar. 1, 1952      | 3,796 | 94                                    | 3,233         | 337             | 126                         | *     |
| June 2, 1951      | 3,657 | 89                                    | 3,124         | 322             | 117                         | *     |

\* Less than 10,000.

Table 9. - Regional distributions

(estimates in thousands)

|                         | Canada | Nfld. | P.E.I.<br>N.S.<br>N.B. | Que.  | Ont.  | Man.<br>Sask.<br>Alta. | B.C. |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|------------------------|-------|-------|------------------------|------|
| <u>The Labour Force</u> |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| <u>Both sexes</u>       |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952            | 5,329  | 110   | 415                    | 1,504 | 1,896 | 969                    | 435  |
| Mar. 1, 1952            | 5,179  | 103   | 398                    | 1,487 | 1,834 | 923                    | 434  |
| June 2, 1951            | 5,255  | 109   | 428                    | 1,475 | 1,852 | 952                    | 439  |
| <u>Agricultural</u>     |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952            | 926    | *     | 60                     | 217   | 236   | 383                    | 24   |
| Mar. 1, 1952            | 832    | *     | 47                     | 197   | 207   | 355                    | 24   |
| June 2, 1951            | 998    | *     | 64                     | 252   | 251   | 395                    | 31   |
| <u>Nonagricultural</u>  |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952            | 4,403  | 104   | 355                    | 1,287 | 1,660 | 586                    | 411  |
| Mar. 1, 1952            | 4,347  | 101   | 351                    | 1,290 | 1,627 | 568                    | 410  |
| June 2, 1951            | 4,257  | 104   | 364                    | 1,223 | 1,601 | 557                    | 408  |
| <u>Males</u>            |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952            | 4,143  | 90    | 333                    | 1,166 | 1,444 | 771                    | 339  |
| Mar. 1, 1952            | 4,053  | 84    | 321                    | 1,148 | 1,410 | 749                    | 341  |
| June 2, 1951            | 4,086  | 91    | 343                    | 1,138 | 1,407 | 765                    | 342  |
| <u>Agricultural</u>     |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952            | 841    | *     | 55                     | 205   | 209   | 348                    | 19   |
| Mar. 1, 1952            | 793    | *     | 45                     | 194   | 199   | 333                    | 20   |
| June 2, 1951            | 899    | *     | 60                     | 232   | 220   | 357                    | 25   |
| <u>Nonagricultural</u>  |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952            | 3,302  | 85    | 278                    | 961   | 1,235 | 423                    | 320  |
| Mar. 1, 1952            | 3,260  | 82    | 276                    | 954   | 1,211 | 416                    | 321  |
| June 2, 1951            | 3,187  | 86    | 283                    | 906   | 1,187 | 408                    | 317  |
| <u>Females</u>          |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952            | 1,186  | 20    | 82                     | 338   | 452   | 198                    | 96   |
| Mar. 1, 1952            | 1,126  | 19    | 77                     | 339   | 424   | 174                    | 93   |
| June 2, 1951            | 1,169  | 18    | 85                     | 337   | 445   | 187                    | 97   |
| <u>Agricultural</u>     |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952            | 85     | *     | *                      | 12    | 27    | 35                     | *    |
| Mar. 1, 1952            | 39     | *     | *                      | *     | *     | 22                     | *    |
| June 2, 1951            | 99     | *     | *                      | 20    | 31    | 38                     | *    |
| <u>Nonagricultural</u>  |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952            | 1,101  | 19    | 77                     | 326   | 425   | 163                    | 91   |
| Mar. 1, 1952            | 1,087  | 19    | 75                     | 336   | 416   | 152                    | 89   |
| June 2, 1951            | 1,070  | 18    | 81                     | 317   | 414   | 149                    | 91   |

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Table 9. - Regional distributions - con.

(estimates in thousands)

|                          | Canada | Nfld. | P.E.I.<br>N.S.<br>N.B. | Que.  | Ont.  | Man.<br>Sask.<br>Alta. | B.C. |
|--------------------------|--------|-------|------------------------|-------|-------|------------------------|------|
| <u>The Labour Force</u>  |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| <u>All ages</u>          |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952             | 5,329  | 110   | 415                    | 1,504 | 1,896 | 969                    | 435  |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 5,179  | 103   | 398                    | 1,487 | 1,834 | 923                    | 434  |
| June 2, 1951             | 5,255  | 109   | 428                    | 1,475 | 1,852 | 952                    | 439  |
| <u>14-19 years</u>       |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952             | 530    | 14    | 43                     | 186   | 167   | 92                     | 28   |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 518    | 11    | 41                     | 185   | 161   | 90                     | 30   |
| June 2, 1951             | 552    | 13    | 47                     | 190   | 170   | 102                    | 30   |
| <u>20-24 years</u>       |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952             | 753    | 19    | 60                     | 238   | 252   | 134                    | 50   |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 720    | 19    | 59                     | 238   | 227   | 127                    | 50   |
| June 2, 1951             | 758    | 19    | 65                     | 233   | 247   | 137                    | 57   |
| <u>25-44 years</u>       |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952             | 2,427  | 50    | 185                    | 688   | 863   | 431                    | 210  |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 2,350  | 46    | 186                    | 677   | 826   | 412                    | 203  |
| June 2, 1951             | 2,341  | 51    | 191                    | 666   | 814   | 416                    | 203  |
| <u>45-64 years</u>       |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952             | 1,392  | 24    | 107                    | 347   | 521   | 267                    | 126  |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 1,371  | 25    | 96                     | 343   | 527   | 251                    | 129  |
| June 2, 1951             | 1,368  | 24    | 105                    | 338   | 524   | 250                    | 127  |
| <u>65 years and over</u> |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952             | 227    | *     | 20                     | 45    | 93    | 45                     | 21   |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 220    | *     | 16                     | 44    | 93    | 43                     | 22   |
| June 2, 1951             | 236    | *     | 20                     | 48    | 97    | 47                     | 22   |
| <u>Persons with Jobs</u> |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| <u>All status groups</u> |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952             | 5,222  | 104   | 405                    | 1,463 | 1,866 | 959                    | 425  |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 4,967  | 92    | 375                    | 1,412 | 1,779 | 899                    | 410  |
| June 2, 1951             | 5,172  | 103   | 418                    | 1,445 | 1,833 | 943                    | 430  |
| <u>Males</u>             |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952             | 4,053  | 84    | 325                    | 1,132 | 1,419 | 763                    | 330  |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 3,872  | 73    | 302                    | 1,086 | 1,362 | 728                    | 321  |
| June 2, 1951             | 4,020  | 85    | 335                    | 1,114 | 1,393 | 758                    | 335  |

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|                          | Canada | Nfld. | P.E.I.<br>N.S.<br>N.B. | Que.  | Ont.  | Man.<br>Sask.<br>Alta. | B.C. |
|--------------------------|--------|-------|------------------------|-------|-------|------------------------|------|
| <u>Persons with Jobs</u> |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| <u>All status groups</u> |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| <u>Females</u>           |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952             | 1,169  | 20    | 80                     | 331   | 447   | 196                    | 95   |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 1,095  | 19    | 73                     | 326   | 417   | 171                    | 89   |
| June 2, 1951             | 1,152  | 18    | 83                     | 331   | 440   | 185                    | 95   |
| <u>Agricultural</u>      |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952             | 924    | *     | 60                     | 216   | 236   | 382                    | 24   |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 825    | *     | 46                     | 196   | 205   | 352                    | 24   |
| June 2, 1951             | 997    | *     | 63                     | 252   | 251   | 395                    | 31   |
| <u>Nonagricultural</u>   |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952             | 4,298  | 98    | 345                    | 1,247 | 1,630 | 577                    | 401  |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 4,142  | 90    | 329                    | 1,216 | 1,574 | 547                    | 386  |
| June 2, 1951             | 4,175  | 98    | 355                    | 1,193 | 1,582 | 548                    | 399  |
| <u>14-19 years</u>       |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952             | 506    | 13    | 40                     | 176   | 161   | 90                     | 26   |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 475    | *     | 35                     | 170   | 148   | 86                     | 27   |
| June 2, 1951             | 533    | 12    | 44                     | 184   | 164   | 100                    | 29   |
| <u>20-24 years</u>       |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952             | 732    | 18    | 58                     | 228   | 247   | 132                    | 49   |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 681    | 17    | 55                     | 223   | 218   | 122                    | 46   |
| June 2, 1951             | 741    | 18    | 63                     | 226   | 244   | 135                    | 55   |
| <u>25-44 years</u>       |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952             | 2,392  | 47    | 182                    | 674   | 855   | 427                    | 207  |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 2,275  | 42    | 177                    | 651   | 806   | 405                    | 194  |
| June 2, 1951             | 2,317  | 49    | 188                    | 656   | 810   | 413                    | 201  |
| <u>45-64 years</u>       |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952             | 1,368  | 23    | 105                    | 341   | 511   | 265                    | 123  |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 1,323  | 23    | 92                     | 327   | 515   | 244                    | 122  |
| June 2, 1951             | 1,349  | 22    | 103                    | 332   | 520   | 248                    | 124  |
| <u>65 years and over</u> |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952             | 224    | *     | 20                     | 44    | 92    | 45                     | 20   |
| Mar. 1, 1952             | 213    | *     | 16                     | 41    | 92    | 42                     | 21   |
| June 2, 1951             | 232    | *     | 20                     | 47    | 95    | 47                     | 21   |

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|  | Canada | Nfld. | P.E.I.<br>N.S.<br>N.B. | Que.  | Ont.  | Man.<br>Sask.<br>Alta. | B.C. |
|--|--------|-------|------------------------|-------|-------|------------------------|------|
| <u>Persons with Jobs</u>                         |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| <u>Paid workers</u>                              |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952                                     | 3,887  | 80    | 299                    | 1,118 | 1,499 | 537                    | 354  |
| Mar. 1, 1952                                     | 3,725  | 75    | 286                    | 1,085 | 1,439 | 503                    | 337  |
| June 2, 1951                                     | 3,752  | 79    | 303                    | 1,063 | 1,456 | 499                    | 352  |
| <u>Males</u>                                     |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952                                     | 2,885  | 64    | 231                    | 824   | 1,105 | 388                    | 273  |
| Mar. 1, 1952                                     | 2,749  | 60    | 220                    | 786   | 1,058 | 364                    | 261  |
| June 2, 1951                                     | 2,777  | 64    | 232                    | 779   | 1,068 | 361                    | 273  |
| <u>Females</u>                                   |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952                                     | 1,002  | 16    | 68                     | 294   | 394   | 149                    | 81   |
| Mar. 1, 1952                                     | 976    | 15    | 66                     | 299   | 381   | 139                    | 76   |
| June 2, 1951                                     | 975    | 15    | 71                     | 284   | 388   | 138                    | 79   |
| <u>Persons without Jobs<br/>and Seeking Work</u> |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952                                     | 107    | *     | 10                     | 41    | 30    | 10                     | 10   |
| Mar. 1, 1952                                     | 212    | 11    | 23                     | 75    | 55    | 24                     | 24   |
| June 2, 1951                                     | 83     | *     | 10                     | 30    | 19    | *                      | *    |
| <u>Persons not in the<br/>Labour Force</u>       |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| <u>Both sexes</u>                                |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952                                     | 4,581  | 125   | 432                    | 1,279 | 1,507 | 811                    | 427  |
| Mar. 1, 1952                                     | 4,708  | 139   | 454                    | 1,291 | 1,542 | 852                    | 430  |
| June 2, 1951                                     | 4,459  | 127   | 416                    | 1,250 | 1,452 | 801                    | 413  |
| <u>Males</u>                                     |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952                                     | 827    | 32    | 87                     | 212   | 248   | 149                    | 99   |
| Mar. 1, 1952                                     | 912    | 41    | 102                    | 227   | 271   | 171                    | 100  |
| June 2, 1951                                     | 802    | 31    | 79                     | 211   | 239   | 148                    | 94   |
| <u>Females</u>                                   |        |       |                        |       |       |                        |      |
| May 31, 1952                                     | 3,754  | 93    | 345                    | 1,067 | 1,259 | 662                    | 328  |
| Mar. 1, 1952                                     | 3,796  | 98    | 352                    | 1,064 | 1,271 | 681                    | 330  |
| June 2, 1951                                     | 3,657  | 96    | 337                    | 1,039 | 1,213 | 653                    | 319  |

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