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Introduction.

During the month of January, 1943, the number of applications for benefits under unemployment insurance was greater than in any previous month. At the same time, the number of applications for employment by insured persons during December and the number of insured applicants for employment unplaced on the last day of December showed a decided drop. The average duration of the unemployment compensated, the average amount paid for beneficiary, and the average amount paid per compensated day of unemployment during January, were slightly higher than in any previous month.

Claims.

In January, 4,637 applications for benefit under the Unemployment Insurance Act were registered in the local offices of the Commission. This is the largest number of claims submitted in any month since the inception of benefit payments in February, 1942. The next highest month in this respect was June, when 4,629 claims were registered, but one-half of the June claims originated in the Maritimes and were due to a partial shutdown of collieries in one area. Omitting June, the 2,925 claims filed in April represent the greatest number registered in any month prior to January, 1943. October, with 1,058 claims, is the lowest month on record.

Table A. - Number of Initial (I) and Renewal (R) Claims Filed at Local Offices in Each District, Claims Received at Insurance Offices for Adjudication, and their Disposition, January, 1943.

District or Region	Claims Received at Local Offices			Claims Received at Insurance Office			Disposition of Claims at Insurance Offices					
							Entitled to Benefit		Not Entitled to B.		Pending	
	Total	I	R	Total	I	R	I	R	I	R	I	R
Moncton ..	445	419	26	397	366	31	218	29	30	-	161	6
Montreal ..	1,620	1,425	195	1,453	1,251	202	1,025	195	245	9	609	67
Toronto ..	462	412	50	426	365	61	261	56	69	7	183	16
London ...	95	83	12	78	66	12	46	8	4	-	27	5
North Bay .	113	111	2	102	100	2	83	2	5	-	15	-
Winnipeg .	754	682	72	673	591	82	392	67	74	5	187	22
Saskatoon .	331	305	26	334	311	23	215	19	37	2	16	1
Edmonton .	320	285	35	312	271	41	264	37	32	1	52	3
Vancouver .	497	471	26	299	272	27	189	26	18	2	132	4
Total ..	4,637	4,193	444	4,074	3,593	481	2,693	439	514	26	1,382	124



Table A. presents the number of claims filed in the local offices in each district; the number of claims received at Insurance offices for adjudication, and their disposition in January. The concentration of claims in the Montreal District (roughly the Province of Quebec), and the Winnipeg District (Manitoba and Western Ontario) is worthy of note. In Table B. a similar concentration is evidenced in the same districts with regard to December claims. The most notable increase in any one office is that in North Bay, from 11 in December to 113 in January. Edmonton is the only office showing a decrease in January over December.

The increasing number of claims filed in each month since October is probably due to several factors, among which seasonal layoffs, shortages of materials and commodities, and temporary maladjustments may be mentioned. In addition, as time goes on more and more insured persons will have contributed for a sufficient period to be eligible for benefit when unemployed.

The number of claims received at Insurance offices for adjudication during January is also the greatest number received at these offices in any previous month. Naturally enough these bear substantially the same relationship to previous months as do the claims filed in local offices.

Table B. - Number of Applications for Benefit Payments; Number of Applications for Employment by Insured Persons of each Sex; and Number of Insured Applicants for Employment of each Sex Unplaced on the Last Day of the Month, by Regions, December, 1942.

Region	Claims	Employment Applications			Unplaced Applicants		
		Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Maritimes .....	198	7,835	6,106	1,729	2,896	2,063	833
Quebec .....	1,443 <sup>1</sup>	41,987	31,911	10,076	14,995	13,186	1,809
Ontario .....	458 <sup>2</sup>	50,416	37,079	13,337	13,302	10,336	2,966
Manitoba .....	426 <sup>3</sup>	11,023	5,900	5,123	5,208	1,727	3,481
Saskatchewan ...	239	3,264	2,295	969	1,316	883	433
Alberta .....	363 <sup>4</sup>	5,246	3,990	1,256	930	758	172
British Columbia.	20 <sup>5</sup>	15,375	10,330	5,045	10,265	4,284	5,981
Total .....	3,337	135,146	97,611	37,535	48,912	33,237	15,675

<sup>1</sup>The Province, excluding a small section of Western Quebec (see map inside cover.)

<sup>2</sup>The Province, including a small section of Western Quebec and excluding Western Ontario. <sup>3</sup>Including Western Ontario. <sup>4</sup>Including the Peace River District of British Columbia. <sup>5</sup>Excluding the Peace River District.

In Table B. the number of claims lodged at local offices in the various districts during December is compared with the number of applications for employment by insured persons, and the number of insured applicants for employment unplaced on the last day of December, by Provinces (taking the Maritimes as a unit). The most striking fact revealed by this comparison, as in previous months, is that a very small proportion of the insured applicants for employment submit claims. It must be remembered, however, that National Selective Service regulations require (with few exceptions) workers to seek employment only through the employment offices, and employers to fill vacancies through these same offices. Many transfers of labour which do not involve unemployment in the usual sense, therefore, are funneled through employment offices and appear as both applications and placements. These National Selective Service regulations became effective late in August with the result that the number of insured applicants increased from 56,432 in August to 134,167 in

September. The number of insured applicants unplaced on the last day in the month also increased markedly at the same time, from 25,004 in August to 61,225 in September. During October and November the employment applications from insured persons increased, numbering 162,666 and 184,058 respectively. The number of unplaced applicants showed a somewhat smaller increase to 65,058 on October 31st, and 64,571 on November 30. In December, both the number of applications and unplaced applicants declined sharply, to 135,146 and 48,912.

Table C. - Claimants not Entitled to Benefit in each District, with the Chief Reason for Non-Entitlement, January, 1943.

Reason for Non-Entitlement	CANADA	MONC- TON	MON- TREAL	TOR- ONTO	LON- DON	NORTH BAY	WINNI- PEG	SASKA- TOON	ED- MON- TON	VAN- COU- VER
Insufficient Contribu- tions and not in Insurable Employment	223	23	89	34	-	5	26	22	17	7
Not capable of and available for work	4	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loss of Work due to a Labour Dispute ....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refused Offer of Work and neglected oppor- tunity to Work ....	8	2	4	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Discharged for Mis- conduct .....	54	1	18	9	-	-	7	5	10	4
Voluntarily left Em- ployment without just cause .....	236	3	135	28	4	-	42	10	5	9
Other Reasons .....	15	-	7	3	-	-	2	2	1	-
TOTAL .....	540	30	254	76	4	5	79	39	33	20

Table C. classifies the claimants considered not entitled to benefit in each district during January according to the chief reason for non-entitlement in each case. As in previous months, the most prevalent reason is shown to be that the claimant voluntarily left his employment without just cause. Cases of insufficient contributions were almost equal in number to the foregoing during January, while those disallowed because the claimant was discharged for misconduct were much less important numerically.

#### Benefits.

Data on benefits are presented in Table D. The proportion of those considered entitled to benefit who actually commenced the receipt of benefit cheques was 53 p.c. compared with 54 p.c. in November and 58 p.c. in December. The main reason for non-receipt of benefit by many of those considered entitled to it is re-employment prior to the expiration of the nine-day waiting period.

The average duration of the unemployment compensated in January was 15.8 days, as against 14.1 days in November and 13.7 days in December.

The average amount paid per beneficiary was \$29.67, as compared with \$26.27 in November, and \$25.53 in December.

In January the average amount paid per compensated day of unemployment stood at \$1.88, while the November and December averages were \$1.87 and \$1.86 respectively.

Since the November and December averages in all three of the foregoing were higher than those in preceding months, the January averages are the highest so far recorded in any month.

Table D. - Number of Persons Receiving Benefit; Number Commencing the Receipt of Benefit on Initial and Renewal Claims; Number of Days' Benefit Paid; and Amount of Benefit Paid, by Districts, January, 1943.

District or Region	Number Receiving Benefit	Number Commencing Benefit			No. of Days' Benefit Paid	Amount of Benefit Paid (in Dollars)
		Total Persons	On Initial Claims	On Renewal Claims		
Moncton .....	106	77	64	13	1,457	2,573
Montreal ....	732	479	447	32	14,000	25,356
Toronto .....	190	190	168	22	3,514	6,962
London .....	61	44	42	2	888	1,551
North Bay ...	7	3	3	-	162	247
Winnipeg ....	523	324	280	44	6,933	13,113
Saskatoon ...	232	183	166	17	2,803	5,221
Edmonton ....	356	244	228	16	5,296	10,795
Vancouver ...	174	118	111	7	2,610	4,833
Total .....	2,381	1,662	1,509	153	37,663	70,650





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