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STATISTICAL REPORT ON THE OPERATION OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT

INSURANCE ACT, NOVEMBER 1943.

During November, 2,896 applications for Unemployment Insurance benefit were filed in the local offices of the Unemployment Insurance Commission. This is almost double the number registered in October, when 1,475 claims were filed. During the corresponding months of 1942 the number of claims increased from 1,058 to 1,748, an increase of 65%. The monthly figures on claims filed have shown a definite seasonal variation, with the low point occurring in September or October and the high point in March. These seasonal fluctuations correspond closely with those shown in the Bureau's monthly index of employment. Thus some of the increase from October to November can be ascribed to normal seasonal tendencies, but some is due no doubt to changes in emphasis on the production of war items resulting in layoffs of workers who cannot immediately be re-absorbed.

The number of claims sent forward to insurance offices for adjudication was 2,389 in November as against 1,318 in October of this year and 1,365 in November 1942. During November, 1,610 claimants were considered entitled to benefit while 460 were deemed not entitled; of whom 262 were disqualified because they had voluntarily left their employment without just cause and 124 were found to have insufficient contributions.

Applications for employment by insured persons totalled 194,431 in the four weeks ended December 2, 1943, and 48,171 insured applicants for employment were unplaced on December 2nd. This compares with 146,003 applications by insured persons in the four weeks ended October 28th and 45,551 unplaced applicants on that date. These applicants were drawn from an estimated insured population of 2,680,300 persons currently holding insurance books. It should be noted that the number of applications for employment need not equal the number of persons who applied in a period, since one person may apply for employment more than once during the month.

The number of persons who signed the live register during the last six working days of November was 2,436 as against 1,267 who signed during the last

six working days of October. Those who sign the live unemployment register are claimants who are reporting unemployed days during the preceding week. Since each such claimant reports once a week on a specified day, those who signed in a six day period represent all those who are claimants and beneficiaries at a given time. Excluded are those unemployed who are not insured, those who for some reason do not claim and those who have exhausted their benefit rights.

1,297 persons received benefit payments in November, while 1,036 were paid benefit during November of last year. These 1,297 persons received a total of \$33,584 for 19,275 unemployed days. This compares with \$27,221 for 14,581 days paid to the 1,036 persons who received benefit in November 1942. Thus, in the present month the average duration of the unemployment compensated was 14.9 days as against 14.1 days in November 1942. The average amount paid per beneficiary was \$25.89 in November 1943 and \$26.27 in November 1942. The average amount paid per compensated day of unemployment was \$1.74 this November and \$1.87 last November.

Tables A to F, following, present data respecting the number of claims filed, claims forwarded to insurance offices and their disposition, number signing the live register, employment applications by insured persons, reasons for non-allowance of claims, persons receiving benefit, benefit days paid and amount of benefit paid.

Table A - Number of Persons Signing the Live Unemployment Register During the Last Six Working Days of November, 1943, by Provinces.

	Total	Canada	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
Number of Persons	2,436	9	191	29	942	570	215	111	153	216	

Table B - Number of Claims Filed in the Local Offices in Each Province, by Type of Claim, November 1943 and 1942.

Province	November 1943			November 1942		
	Claims Filed			Claims Filed		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Prince Edward Island..	11	9	2	-	-	-
Nova Scotia.....	248	208	40	-	-	-
New Brunswick	35	31	4	115 ¹	80	35
Quebec	1,042	901	141	674	605	69
Ontario	657	576	81	271 ²	240	31
Manitoba	325	280	45	259 ²	239	20
Saskatchewan	125	100	25	98	88	10
Alberta	187	159	28	209	198	11
British Columbia	266	244	22	122	109	13
Total	2,896	2,508	388	1,748	1,559	189

¹ Total Maritimes claims - breakdown by Provinces not available.

² Manitoba area included that part of Ontario served by the Local Offices of Kenora, Fort Frances, Fort William, and Port Arthur.

Table C - Initial (I) and Renewal (R) Claims Received at Insurance Offices for Adjudication and Their Disposition, November 1943 and 1942.

Province	Claims Received		Disposition of Claims						
			Entitled to Benefit		Not Entitled to Benefit		Pending		
	Total	I.	R.	I.	R.	I.	R.	I.	R.
November 1943									
Prince Edward Island..	9	7	2	2	1	1	-	11	1
Nova Scotia	234	190	44	103	39	22	3	85	6
New Brunswick	33	31	2	12	3	11	-	18	1
Quebec	751	653	98	401	77	144	12	221	29
Ontario	547	481	66	346	57	113	7	82	4
Manitoba	306	266	40	140	34	60	6	133	11
Saskatchewan	107	83	24	64	24	15	1	18	2
Alberta	176	148	28	91	25	32	2	42	1
British Columbia	226	205	21	169	22	31	-	46	1
Total	2,389	2,064	325	1,328	282	429	31	656	56
November 1942									
Maritimes	124	89	35	50	36	13	-	47	8
Quebec	517	457	60	622	69	391	35	297	37
Ontario ¹	231	204	27	126	23	46	1	125	9
Manitoba ¹	197	175	22	129	20	25	1	47	3
Saskatchewan	67	59	8	43	1	12	-	11	7
Alberta	148	139	9	77	8	11	1	62	-
British Columbia	81	71	10	48	6	5	3	36	2
Total	1,365	1,194	171	1,095	163	503	41	625	66

¹ Manitoba area included that part of Ontario served by the Local Offices of Kenora, Fort Frances, Fort William, and Port Arthur.

Table D - 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 Provinces, November 1943 and 1942.

		Employment Applications ³			Unplaced Applicants ³		
Province	Claims	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
November 1943							
Prince Edward Island..	11	598	330	268	199	109	90
Nova Scotia	248	7,442	4,344	3,098	1,774	923	851
New Brunswick	35	5,369	3,478	1,891	1,160	853	307
Quebec	1,042	58,450	38,211	20,239	17,825	11,531	6,294
Ontario	657	77,501	44,621	32,880	16,667	9,953	6,714
Manitoba	325	9,951	5,476	4,475	2,115	1,035	1,080
Saskatchewan	125	5,965	3,359	2,606	1,696	858	838
Alberta	187	8,989	5,211	3,778	1,720	1,000	720
British Columbia	266	20,166	11,795	8,371	5,015	2,831	2,184
Total	2,896	194,431	116,825	77,606	48,171	29,093	19,078
x Prince Edward Island..	-	443	364	79	170	126	44
Nova Scotia	-	5,031	3,825	1,206	1,934	969	965
New Brunswick	115 ¹	4,073	3,188	885	1,627	1,174	453
Quebec	674	70,400	46,137	24,263	19,139	14,388	4,751
Ontario	271 ²	63,627	42,276	21,351	22,660	12,462	10,198
Manitoba	259 ²	7,403	5,104	2,299	3,696	2,465	1,231
Saskatchewan	98	3,989	2,776	1,213	1,418	868	550
Alberta	209	6,412	4,901	1,511	922	595	327
British Columbia	122	22,680	14,908	7,772	13,005	5,692	7,313
Total	1,748	184,058	123,479	60,579	64,571	38,739	25,832

Footnotes 1 and 2 will be found following Table E.

³ 1943 figures are for the period October 29th to December 2nd.

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Table E - Claimants not Entitled to Benefit in Each Province During November, 1943 and 1942, with Chief Reasons for Non-Entitlement.

Reasons for Non-Entitlement		CAN-									
		ADA	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B. ¹	Que.	Ont. ²	Man. ²	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
Insufficient contri-											
butions and not in	Nov. 1943	124	-	11	2	37	35	15	5	4	15
insurable employment	Nov. 1942	107	-	-	5	71	13	5	8	2	3
Not capable of and not	" 1943	10	-	2	-	3	5	-	-	-	-
available for work	" 1942	13	-	-	1	5	5	-	1	1	-
Loss of work due to a	Nov. 1943	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
labour dispute	Nov. 1942	24	-	-	5	19	-	-	-	-	-
Refused offer of work	Nov. 1943	18	-	2	2	12	1	-	-	-	1
and neglected oppor-	Nov. 1942	8	-	-	-	5	1	2	-	-	-
tunity to work.											
Discharged for	Nov. 1943	29	-	1	1	15	4	3	1	2	2
misconduct	Nov. 1942	59	-	-	1	44	3	5	2	3	1
Voluntarily left employ-	" 1943	262	-	7	6	84	69	48	7	28	13
ment without just cause	" 1942	304	-	-	1	260	21	11	1	6	4
Other Reasons	Nov. 1943	16	1	2	-	4	6	-	3	-	-
	Nov. 1942	29	-	-	-	22	4	3	-	-	-
Total	Nov. 1943	460	1	25	11	156	120	66	16	34	31
	Nov. 1942	544	-	-	13	426	47	26	12	12	8

¹ 1942 figures are a total for the Maritimes.

² For November 1942 the Manitoba area included that part of Ontario served by the Local Offices of Kenora, Fort Frances, Fort William, and Port Arthur.

Table F - Number of Persons Receiving Benefit; Number Commencing the Receipt of Benefit on Initial and Renewal Claims; Number of Days¹ Benefit Paid and Amount of Benefit Paid; by Provinces, November 1943 and 1942.

Amount of benefit paid, by provinces, November 1943 and 1942.						
Province	Number	Number Commencing Benefit		No. of	Amt. of	
	Receiv-	Total	On In-	On Ren-	Days' Ben-	Benefit
	ing	Per-	itial	ewal	efit	Paid (in
	Benefit	sons	Claims	Claims	Paid	Dollars)
November 1943.						
Prince Edward Island..	6	-	-	-	79	88
Nova Scotia	65	47	39	8	555	915
New Brunswick	22	16	14	2	390	625
Quebec	406	263	210	53	7,009	11,634
Ontario	335	221	191	30	4,835	8,648
Manitoba	160	102	78	24	2,137	3,795
Saskatchewan	52	39	30	9	833	1,388
Alberta	82	54	46	8	1,118	2,048
British Columbia	169	117	104	13	2,319	4,443
Total	1,297	859	712	147	19,275	33,584
November 1942.						
Prince Edward Island..	6	3	3	-	100	161
Nova Scotia	157	120	119	1	1,262	2,571
New Brunswick	30	22	17	5	407	738
Quebec	372	249	229	20	5,760	9,894
Ontario	178	111	105	6	2,867	5,202
Manitoba	130	80	67	13	1,934	3,560
Saskatchewan	27	19	16	3	374	685
Alberta	72	41	38	3	1,061	3,018
British Columbia	64	34	31	3	816	1,392
Total	1,036	679	625	54	14,581	27,221