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STATISTICAL REPORT ON THE OPERATION OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT

INSURANCE ACT, DECEMBER 1943.

The number of claims for Unemployment Insurance benefit was larger in December than in any previous month. During December, 6,562 claims were filed, compared with 1,475 in October, 2,896 in November of this year and 3,337 in December of last year. The previous high in the number of claims filed in a month was reached in March 1943, when 5,046 were registered.

As stated in the Bureau's monthly report for November 1943, a seasonal rise in the number of claims is expected during the winter months, starting in November and reaching a peak in March. Thus, each Province shows an increase in December over November. There is, however, a notable difference in the Eastern as compared with the Western Provinces. The Western Provinces (Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia) recorded about the same number of claims this December as last December, whereas Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes showed an increase over last December of about 150%. This would indicate that whereas the Western Provinces are experiencing the normal seasonal increase in claims the increase in the Eastern Provinces is due to more than seasonal factors.

A similar increase is evident in the number of persons who signed the live unemployment register in the last six working days of December: 6,216, of whom 4,393 were male and 1,823 female. In the last week of November, 2,436 persons signed the "live register". Each person who is claiming benefit or to whom benefit payments are being made must call at the local office once a week and report on his unemployment during the previous week. By taking a count of those who sign the live unemployment register in a week a figure is obtained which represents all those who are currently claimants (including beneficiaries). The breakdown by sex, given for the first time in the present report, will be continued.

During December, 2,226 persons received benefit, being paid a total of \$52,600 for 29,160 unemployed days. This compares with 1,456 persons who received \$37,166 for 20,004 days in December, 1942. Thus, in the present month the average duration of the unemployment compensated was 13.1 days as against 13.7 days in December 1942. The average amount paid per beneficiary was \$23.63 in December 1943 compared with \$25.53 in December 1942, and the average amount paid per compensated day of unemployment was \$1.80 in December 1943 and \$1.86 in December 1942.

Tables A to F which follow present data respecting persons who signed the live register during the last six working days of December, the number of claims filed during the month and their disposition, the chief reasons for non-entitlement to benefit, employment applications by insured persons, number of beneficiaries, number of days benefit paid and amount of benefit paid.

Table A - Number of Persons signing the Live Unemployment Register During the Last Six Working Days of December 1943, by Province and Sex.

	Total	Canada	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
Total Persons ....	6,216	27	551	57	3,243	918	569	253	290	508	
Male .....	4,893	22	384	45	2,694	744	407	173	228	196	
Female .....	1,323	5	167	12	549	174	162	80	62	112	

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

Province	December 1943			December 1942		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Prince Edward Island..	38	34	4	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	547	478	69	-	-	-
New Brunswick .....	60	48	12	198 <sup>1</sup>	172	26
Quebec .....	3,601	3,200	401	1,443 <sup>2</sup>	1,278	165
Ontario .....	1,011	851	160	458 <sup>2</sup>	401	57
Manitoba .....	469	395	74	426 <sup>2</sup>	367	59
Saskatchewan .....	245	212	33	239	215	24
Alberta .....	301	252	49	363	338	25
British Columbia .....	290	245	45	210	197	13
Total .....	6,562	5,715	847	3,337	2,968	369

<sup>1</sup> Total Maritimes claims - breakdown by Provinces not available.

<sup>2</sup> 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, December 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.
December 1943									
Prince Edward Island..	27	24	3	18	3	4	-	13	1
Nova Scotia.....	496	432	64	445	61	9	1	63	8
New Brunswick .....	40	28	12	24	8	8	1	14	4
Quebec .....	2,752	2,382	370	854	264	214	10	1,535	125
Ontario .....	902	759	143	536	129	132	9	173	9
Manitoba .....	400	331	69	201	56	69	3	194	21
Saskatchewan .....	225	194	31	134	24	15	1	63	8
Alberta .....	251	215	36	132	23	37	1	88	13
British Columbia .....	268	233	35	154	31	25	-	100	5
Total .....	5,361	4,598	763	2,498	599	513	26	2,243	194
December 1942									
Maritimes .....	112	98	14	81	16	21	2	43	4
Quebec .....	1,235	1,102	133	560	85	211	16	628	69
Ontario <sup>1</sup> .....	388	336	52	201	38	98	4	162	19
Manitoba <sup>1</sup> .....	364	321	43	253	32	53	2	62	12
Saskatchewan .....	162	138	24	105	25	9	3	35	3
Alberta .....	335	317	18	268	16	34	2	77	-
British Columbia .....	190	177	13	130	9	16	1	67	5
Total .....	2,786	2,489	297	1,598	221	442	30	1,074	112

<sup>1</sup> 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, December 1943 and 1942.

Province	Claims	Employment Applications <sup>3</sup>			Unplaced Applicants <sup>3</sup>		
		Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
		December 1943					
Prince Edward Island..	38	395	281	114	152	118	34
Nova Scotia .....	547	3,958	2,764	1,194	1,252	809	443
New Brunswick .....	60	3,004	2,086	918	987	688	299
Quebec .....	3,601	34,422	25,757	8,665	14,851	11,376	3,475
Ontario .....	1,011	41,608	27,593	14,015	11,996	8,295	3,701
Manitoba .....	469	5,812	3,423	2,389	1,346	867	479
Saskatchewan .....	245	3,148	1,949	1,199	1,093	631	462
Alberta .....	301	5,280	3,221	2,059	1,488	1,037	451
British Columbia .....	290	11,581	7,486	4,095	863	2,580	1,283
Total .....	6,562	109,208	74,560	34,648	37,028	26,401	10,627
December 1942							
Prince Edward Island..	-	402	298	104	186	139	47
Nova Scotia .....	-	4,027	3,122	905	1,480	1,063	417
New Brunswick <sup>1</sup> .....	198	3,406	2,686	720	1,230	861	369
Quebec .....	1,443	41,987	31,911	10,076	14,995	13,186	1,809
Ontario .....	458	50,416	37,079	13,337	13,302	10,336	2,966
Manitoba <sup>2</sup> .....	426	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	5,246	3,990	1,256	930	758	172
British Columbia .....	210	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

Footnotes 1 and 2 will be found following Table E.

<sup>3</sup> 1943 figures are for the period December 3rd to December 30th.

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

Reasons for Non-Entitlement		CAN- ADA P.E.I. N.S. N.B. <sup>1</sup> Que.Ont. <sup>2</sup> Man. <sup>2</sup> Sask.Alta.B.C.									
Insufficient contributions and not in insurable employment	Dec. 1943	201	4	7	2	93	50	15	7	9	14
	Dec. 1942	158	-	-	13	71	25	19	2	23	5
Not capable of and not available for work	Dec. 1943	16	-	-	-	5	8	1	-	2	-
	Dec. 1942	14	-	-	3	1	5	2	2	1	-
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	Dec. 1943	6	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-
	Dec. 1942	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	Dec. 1943	7	-	1	1	2	-	2	-	1	-
	Dec. 1942	4	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-
Discharged for misconduct	Dec. 1943	40	-	-	-	15	9	7	5	2	2
	Dec. 1942	39	-	-	2	13	10	6	4	2	2
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1943	252	-	1	5	100	65	47	4	22	8
	1942	229	-	-	3	120	60	26	2	8	10
Other reasons	Dec. 1943	17	-	1	1	4	8	-	-	2	1
	Dec. 1942	28	-	-	2	19	2	2	2	1	-
Total	Dec. 1943	539	4	10	9	224	141	72	16	38	25
	Dec. 1942	472	-	-	23	227	102	55	12	36	17

<sup>1</sup> 1942 figures are a total for the Maritimes.

<sup>2</sup> For December 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 Days' Benefit Paid and Amount of Benefit Paid; by Provinces, December 1943 and 1942.

Province	Number	Number Commencing Benefit		No. of	Amt. of	
	Receiv- ing Benefit	Total Per- sons	On In- itial Claims	On Ren- ewal Claims	Days' Benefit Paid	Benefit Paid (in Dollars)
December 1943						
Prince Edward Island ..	8	7	5	2	93	154
Nova Scotia .....	245	230	184	46	2,569	4,685
New Brunswick .....	30	18	13	5	394	696
Quebec .....	664	395	345	50	8,987	15,688
Ontario .....	479	305	260	45	6,310	11,880
Manitoba .....	250	174	137	37	3,376	5,937
Saskatchewan .....	114	80	64	16	1,414	2,362
Alberta .....	171	118	99	19	2,226	4,084
British Columbia .....	265	164	140	24	3,791	7,114
Total .....	2,226	1,491	1,247	244	29,160	52,600
December 1942						
Prince Edward Island..	8	6	5	1	147	196
Nova Scotia .....	63	54	54	-	455	936
New Brunswick .....	35	27	21	6	454	889
Quebec .....	490	331	305	26	7,505	13,511
Ontario .....	245	159	144	15	3,495	6,643
Manitoba .....	265	211	184	27	3,705	6,828
Saskatchewan .....	69	52	49	3	784	1,511
Alberta .....	181	150	146	4	2,223	4,431
British Columbia .....	100	68	63	5	1,236	2,221
Total .....	1,456	1,058	971	87	20,004	37,166