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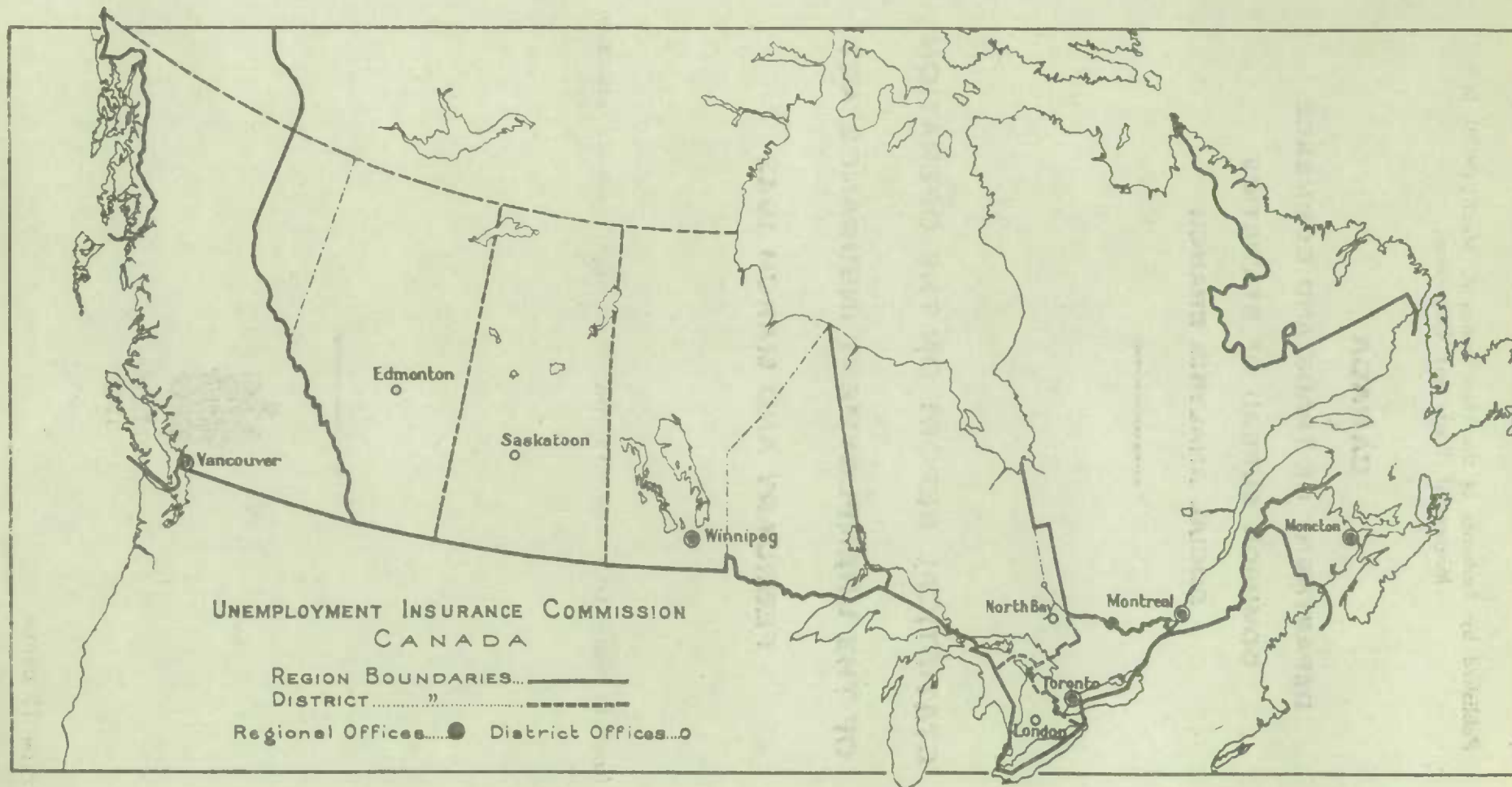
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STATISTICS ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

MONTHLY REPORT

During February and March the increasing number of claims for benefit under the Unemployment Insurance Act, noticed in previous reports since October last, has continued. The rate of increase, however, is falling off. In March 5,046 claims were filed, compared with 4,822 in February, 4,637 in January, and 3,337 in December. More applications for benefit payments were received in March than in any previous month.

At the same time the number of applications for employment by insured persons, and the insured applicants unplaced at the end of the month, declined slightly in February over January.

The number of persons receiving benefit, the number of days' benefit paid and the amount of benefit paid in February and in March also exceed the figures for any previous month. The proportion of those considered entitled to benefit who actually commenced receiving it was 90 p.c. in March and 73 p.c. in February, compared with 53 p.c. in January. The average duration of the unemployment compensated was 17.5 days in March and 16.9 days in February, compared with 15.8 days in January. The average amount paid per beneficiary was \$32.95 in March, \$31.80 in February, and \$29.67 in January. In March the average amount paid per compensated day of unemployment stood at \$1.89, in February \$1.88, and in January \$1.88.

The increases in the above averages indicate a lengthening in the duration of cases of compensated unemployment, just as the increasing number of claimants indicates an increasing incidence of unemployment among insured persons. Over the past year the monthly figures on claims lodged show a striking seasonal variation, with the low point in October and the high points in March.

The following tables set forth the pertinent data regarding the number of claims filed, their disposition, the reasons for non-entitlement to benefit, employment applications by insured persons, number of beneficiaries, number of days' benefit paid, and amount of benefit paid during February and March, 1943.

Table A. - Number of Claims Filed at the Local Offices in Each District by Type of Claim, February and March, 1943.

District or Region	FEBRUARY			MARCH		
	Claims Filed			Claims Filed		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Moncton	519	481	38	360	317	43
Montreal	2,039	1,808	231	2,401	2,018	383
Toronto	644	564	80	720	656	134
London	80	75	5	79	69	10
North Bay ...	38	33	5	36	35	1
Winnipeg	490	425	65	491	394	97
Saskatoon ...	203	166	37	185	150	35
Edmonton	304	257	47	265	197	68
Vancouver ...	505	472	26	439	387	52
Total	4,822	4,288	534	5,046	4,223	823

Table B. - Initial (I) and Renewal(R) Claims received at Insurance Offices for Adjudication, and Their Disposition in February and March, 1943.

District or Region	Claims Received			Disposition of Claims					
				Entitled to Benefit		Not Entitled to Benefit		Pending	
	Total	I	R	I	R	I	R	I	R
<u>FEBRUARY</u>									
Moncton	448	414	34	365	26	36	2	174	12
Montreal	1,950	1,742	208	1,369	180	450	21	532	74
Toronto	583	516	67	458	67	165	6	76	10
London	67	63	4	58	6	8	1	24	2
North Bay ...	38	34	4	42	3	3	-	4	1
Winnipeg	525	466	59	410	51	76	5	137	25
Saskatoon ...	213	177	36	192	33	32	2	47	6
Edmonton	313	267	46	235	43	39	1	45	5
Vancouver ...	604	578	26	336	22	50	1	324	7
Total	4,741	4,257	484	3,465	431	859	39	1,393	142
<u>MARCH</u>									
Moncton	382	347	35	377	44	47	-	97	3
Montreal	2,262	1,883	379	1,622	311	400	44	393	98
Toronto	785	649	136	450	118	175	24	100	4
London	60	52	8	53	7	11	2	12	1
North Bay ...	29	28	1	26	2	2	-	4	-
Winnipeg	449	363	86	310	87	100	5	120	19
Saskatoon ...	177	141	36	139	37	19	-	30	5
Edmonton	263	194	69	170	71	36	2	33	1
Vancouver ...	368	318	50	497	24	54	3	92	19
Total	4,775	3,975	800	3,644	711	844	80	881	150

Table C. - Number of Applications for Benefit Payments and Number of Applications for Employment by Insured Persons in Each Region, by Sex, in January and February, 1943.

Region	JANUARY					FEBRUARY			
	Claims	Employment Applications			Claims	Employment Applications			
		Total	Males	Females		Total	Males	Females	
Maritimes ...	445	8,636	6,515	2,121	519	8,766	6,552	2,214	
Quebec	1,620 ¹	47,598	37,537	10,061	2,039 ¹	50,023	37,725	12,298	
Ontario ...	670 ²	58,104	38,782	19,322	762 ²	54,199	35,313	18,886	
Manitoba ...	754 ³	8,444	5,751	2,693	490 ³	5,997	3,537	2,460	
Saskatchewan .	331	3,272	2,044	1,228	203	2,937	1,647	1,290	
Alberta	320 ⁴	5,940	3,992	1,948	304 ⁴	6,295	4,231	2,064	
British Columbia	497 ⁵	17,727	12,561	5,166	505 ⁵	15,886	11,004	4,882	
Total	4,637	149,721	107,182	42,539	4,822	144,103	100,009	44,094	

- ¹ The Province excluding a small section of Western Quebec. (See map inside cover).
² The Province including a small section of Western Quebec and excluding Western Ontario.
³ Including Western Ontario.
⁴ Including the Peace River District of British Columbia.
⁵ Excluding the Peace River District.

Table D. - Number of Insured Applicants Unplaced on the Last Day of January and of February, 1943, Classified by Regions and Sex.

Region	JANUARY			FEBRUARY		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Maritimes	2,992	2,229	763	2,983	2,093	890
Quebec	21,172	17,561	3,641	20,782	16,853	3,929
Ontario	17,397	11,587	5,810	14,710	9,547	5,163
Manitoba	6,120	2,928	3,192	1,909	771	1,138
Saskatchewan ..	1,988	1,289	699	1,617	1,039	578
Alberta	1,661	950	711	2,145	1,276	869
British Columbia.	8,654	3,231	5,423	9,799	4,069	5,730
Total	59,984	39,745	20,239	53,945	35,648	18,297

Table E. - Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in Each District during February and March, 1943, with Chief Reason for Non-Entitlement.

Reason for Non-Entitlement		Can- ada	Monc- ton	Mon- treal	Tor- onto	Lon- don	North Bay	Winni- peg	Saska- toon	Ed- mon- ton	Van- cou- ver
Insufficient Contri- butions and not in Insurable Employment	Feb.	272	23	125	46	3	-	23	13	11	28
	Mar.	263	28	128	45	4	1	21	4	9	23
Not capable of and available for work	Feb.	14	2	5	3	2	1	-	-	-	1
	Mar.	16	-	3	3	2	-	3	3	-	2
Loss of work due to a Labour Dispute	Feb.	92	1	91	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Mar.	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refused Offer of Work and Neglected Opportunity to Work	Feb.	10	-	4	2	2	-	-	1	-	1
	Mar.	21	-	6	1	2	-	4	-	6	2
Discharged for Misconduct	Feb.	61	-	18	13	1	1	10	6	5	7
	Mar.	79	1	42	15	1	-	6	3	3	8
Voluntarily left Employment without Just Cause	Feb.	399	7	197	102	-	1	46	11	23	12
	Mar.	512	12	252	131	2	-	68	7	19	21
Other reasons	Feb.	50	5	31	5	1	-	2	3	1	2
	Mar.	32	6	12	4	2	1	3	2	1	1
TOTAL	Feb.	898	38	471	171	9	3	81	34	40	51
	Mar.	924	47	444	199	13	2	105	19	38	57

Table F. - Number of Persons Receiving Benefit and Number of Persons Commencing The Receipt of Benefit on Initial and Renewal Claims in Each District, During February and March, 1943.

District or Region	Number Receiving Benefit	FEBRUARY			Number Receiving Benefit	MARCH		
		Number Commencing		Benefit		Number Commencing		Benefit
		Total Persons	On Initial Claims	On Re- newal Claims		Total Persons	On Initial Claims	On Re- newal Claims
Moncton ..	293	240	222	18	523	369	347	22
Montreal .	1,413	1,099	1,038	61	2,553	1,751	1,607	144
Toronto ..	258	258	236	22	440	440	400	40
London ..	84	41	37	4	103	62	52	10
North Bay.	85	81	79	2	35	25	24	1
Winnipeg .	842	503	451	52	820	400	324	76
Saskatoon.	342	194	178	16	398	179	162	17
Edmonton .	452	200	179	21	504	258	202	56
Vancouver.	310	211	191	20	620	453	435	18
TOTAL CANADA	4,079	2,827	2,611	216	5,996	3,937	3,553	384

Table G. - Number of Persons Receiving Benefit, Number of Days' Benefit Paid and Amount of Benefit Paid in Each District, During February and March, 1943.

District or Region	FEBRUARY			MARCH		
	Number Receiving Benefit	No. of Days' Benefit Paid	Amount of Benefit Paid (in Dollars)	Number Receiving Benefit	No. of Days' Benefit Paid	Amount of Benefit Paid (in Dollars)
Moncton	293	4,586	8,280	523	10,096	18,395
Montreal	1,413	27,231	51,637	2,553	45,801	85,468
Toronto	258	5,778	11,342	440	9,696	19,441
London	84	1,130	2,178	103	1,440	2,785
North Bay	85	446	955	35	424	879
Winnipeg	842	13,414	24,529	820	13,333	24,068
Saskatoon	342	5,404	9,405	398	6,798	11,976
Edmonton	452	6,677	13,241	504	8,135	16,672
Vancouver	310	4,416	8,157	620	9,078	17,885
TOTAL, CANADA ..	4,079	69,082	129,724	5,996	104,801	197,589



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