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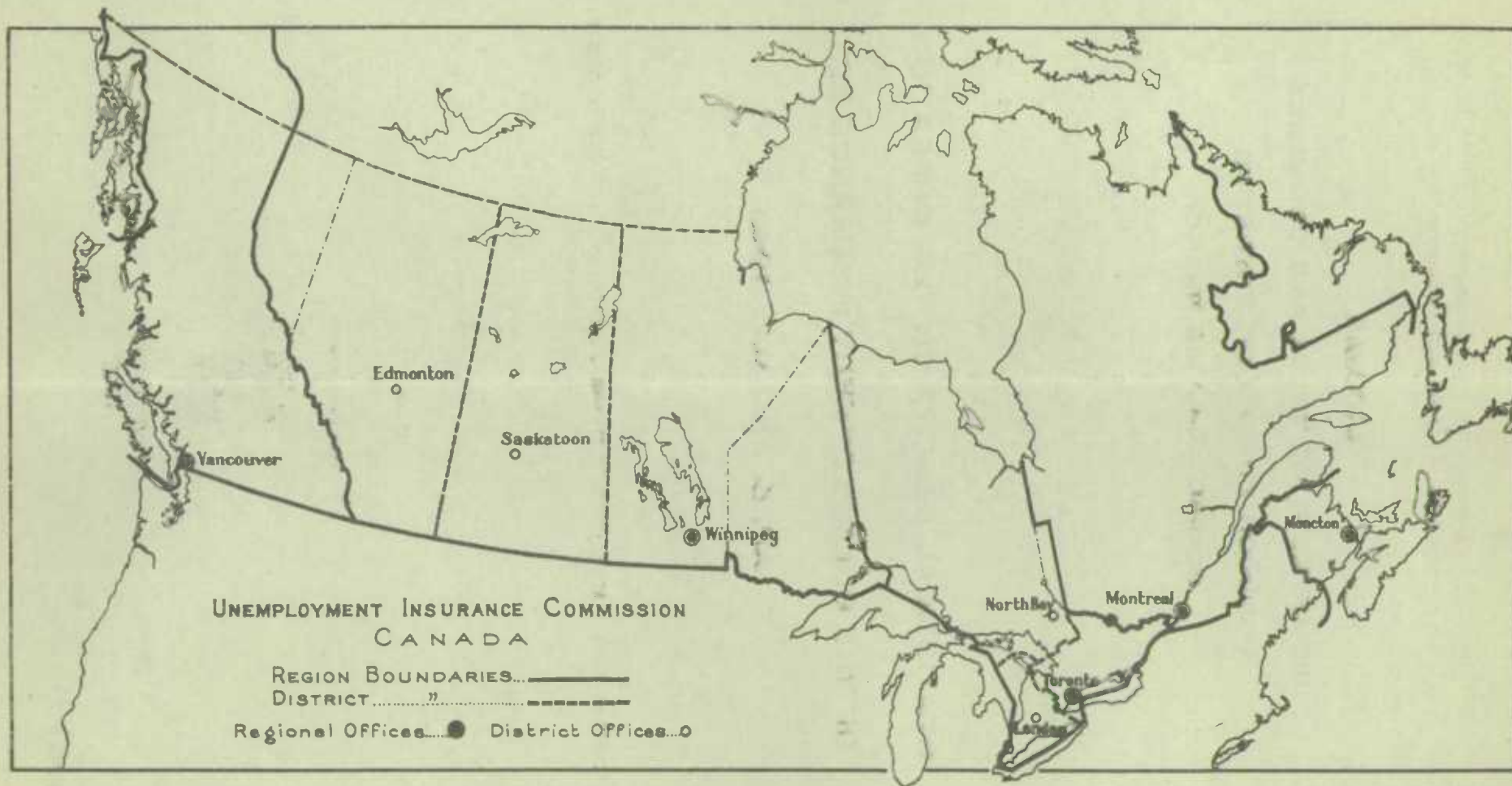
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STATISTICS ON THE OPERATIONS OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT
MONTHLY REPORT - APRIL AND MAY, 1943.

The number of applications for benefit payments under the Unemployment Insurance Act during April and May, 1943, showed a decided drop from preceding months, reflecting normal seasonal tendencies. In May the number of claims filed at local offices in Canada was 2,027, as compared with 3,953 in April, 5,046 in March and 4,822 in February. During April and May, 1942, claims registered at local offices numbered 2,925 and 2,799, respectively.

In previous monthly reports, data on claims and benefits were given according to the jurisdiction of district and regional offices. In some cases these jurisdictions extend over Provincial boundaries. In the present report the data have been arranged by Provinces and will be so presented in subsequent reports.

The number of applications for employment by insured persons was slightly higher in March (191,100) than in recent months. In April it was 157,895 and in February 144,103. Data on insured applicants for employment unplaced on the last day of each four weeks have shown greater stability, being 53,945 on February 25th, 51,546 on April 1st, and 51,776 on April 20th. These figures are not strictly comparable with those of 1942 because late in August 1942 the National Selective Service regulations requiring, with a few exceptions, seven days' notice of separation by either the employer or employee, came into effect. At the same time, employees and employers affected by the order were required to obtain employment or to recruit workers only through the Federal employment offices. This resulted in a great increase in applications for employment and unplaced applicants on any given date, since most transfers of workers are now included as applicants. With the present compulsory employment transfers successively influencing applications, placements, etc., it would seem that the usefulness of employment office figures as a measure of unemployment among the insured population over any period of more than a few months, will be largely vitiated.

The number of persons receiving benefit (5,434 in April and 4,848 in May) also shows a decline since March, when the number was 5,996. This decline in the number of beneficiaries is relatively less than the decline in the number of claimants since March, indicating the influence of the time lag between the submission of a claim and the receipt of benefit. The number of beneficiaries in the corresponding months of 1942 were: March, 1,249; April, 2,202; and May, 2,206.

During April the proportion of those entitled to benefit who actually commenced receiving it was 75 per cent, while in May it was 112 per cent. In April and May, 1942, these percentages were 67 and 54, respectively. There is a time lag of approximately ten days to two weeks between the adjudication of a claim and the receipt of benefit, which explains the figure of 112 per cent in May.

In April and May the averages of days benefit paid per beneficiary were 14 and 14.2, as against 10.4 and 13.1 in April and May, 1942.

The average amount paid per beneficiary was \$26.26 in April and \$26.64 in May. In April and May, 1942, the corresponding amounts were \$18.87 and \$23.68. While the average amount paid per compensated day of unemployment was \$1.38 both in April and May, it stood at \$1.82 and \$1.80 in April and May, 1942. The increased average amounts paid per beneficiary over the corresponding months of last year might have been due merely to the increased average days paid, but the increase in the average ~~amount paid per compensated~~ day indicates that it was due in part **also** to a rise in the average daily rate of benefit. The daily rate of benefit of each beneficiary depends upon his daily average contribution in the past two years, which in turn depends upon his average earnings. The daily rate of benefit is about 17 p.c. higher, for those having dependents than for those having no dependents. Thus, it would seem that those in the higher earnings brackets or those with dependents, or both, were subject in April and May, to proportionately greater compensated unemployment, as compared with the insured population as a whole, than was the case a year ago. During the twelve months April, 1942, to March, 1943 the average amount paid per compensated day of unemployment fluctuated between \$1.74 in August, 1942, and \$1.89 in March, 1943. The arithmetic mean of these monthly averages is \$1.82; the standard deviation is \$.052.

The following tables set forth the pertinent data concerning the number of claims filed, 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 during April and May, 1943.

Table A. - Number of Claims Filed in the Local Offices in Each Province, by Type of Claim, April and May, 1943.

Province	A P R I L			M A Y		
	Claims Filed			Claims Filed		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Prince Edward Island ...	30	27	3	11	10	1
Nova Scotia	184	159	25	200	165	35
New Brunswick	127	103	24	41	28	13
Quebec	1,903	1,557	346	862	698	164
Ontario	740	651	89	351	291	60
Manitoba	339	267	72	139	167	32
Saskatchewan	140	109	31	84	67	17
Alberta	156	110	46	122	75	47
British Columbia	334	286	48	157	129	28
Total	3,953	3,269	684	2,027	1,630	397

Table B. - Initial (I) and Renewal(R) Claims Received at Insurance Offices for Adjudication, and Their Disposition in April and May, 1943.

Province	Claims Received			Disposition of Claims					
				Entitled to Benefit		Not Entitled to Benefit		Pending	
	Total	I	R	I	R	I	R	I	R
A P R I L									
Prince Edward Island .	33	28	5	14	5	3	-	18	-
Nova Scotia	174	149	25	120	19	33	1	27	5
New Brunswick	141	113	28	106	19	20	3	46	9
Quebec	2,046	1,684	362	1,374	295	331	48	372	117
Ontario	712	624	88	509	78	149	10	100	5
Manitoba	369	288	81	243	78	82	9	65	13
Saskatchewan	141	112	29	85	19	12	5	45	10
Alberta	163	120	43	117	32	27	3	9	9
British Columbia	316	265	51	255	63	38	3	64	4
Total	4,095	3,383	712	2,823	608	695	82	746	172
M A Y									
Prince Edward Island .	11	10	1	13	1	7	-	8	-
Nova Scotia	189	154	35	161	33	17	4	3	3
New Brunswick	58	39	19	43	22	26	3	16	3
Quebec	929	768	161	711	179	226	27	199	72
Ontario	397	324	63	218	58	142	7	78	3
Manitoba	166	137	29	99	34	49	5	54	3
Saskatchewan	102	81	21	86	27	23	2	17	2
Alberta	110	65	45	46	48	13	5	15	1
British Columbia	173	147	26	140	24	31	3	40	3
Total	2,135	1,735	400	1,517	426	534	56	430	90

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

Region	Claims	M A R C H			Claims	A P R I L		
		Employment Applications ⁶				Employment Applications ⁷		
		Total	Males	Females		Total	Males	Females
Maritimes	360	11,335	8,499	2,836	341	9,570	7,366	2,204
Quebec	2,401 ¹	64,964	47,282	17,682	1,903	48,156	35,445	12,711
Ontario	905 ²	71,375	46,464	24,911	740	60,999	40,233	20,766
Manitoba	491 ³	10,754	7,570	3,184	339	8,857	6,003	2,854
Saskatchewan ..	185	3,653	1,963	1,690	140	4,165	2,672	1,493
Alberta	265 ⁴	7,576	5,077	2,499	156	6,039	4,129	1,910
British Columbia	439 ⁵	21,443	14,511	6,932	334	20,109	13,301	6,808
Total	5,046	191,100	131,366	59,734	3,953	157,895	109,149	48,746

¹The Province, excluding a small section of western Quebec. (See map inside cover).

²The Province, including a small section of Western Quebec and excluding Western Ontario. ³Including Western Ontario. ⁴Including the Peace River District

of British Columbia. ⁵Excluding the Peace River District.

⁶February 26 to April 1. ⁷April 2 to April 29.

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

Region	M A R C H ¹			A P R I L ²		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Maritimes	3,122	2,154	968	3,196	2,308	888
Quebec	20,998	15,470	5,528	21,519	16,961	4,558
Ontario	16,709	10,989	5,720	17,400	11,704	5,696
Manitoba	2,468	1,928	540	1,902	1,304	598
Saskatchewan	1,292	832	460	1,439	1,105	334
Alberta	1,945	1,234	711	1,845	1,039	806
British Columbia ...	5,012	2,678	2,334	4,475	3,025	1,450
Total	51,546	35,285	16,261	51,776	37,446	14,330

¹February 26 to April 1.

²April 2 to April 29.

Table E. - Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in Each Province during April and May, 1943, with Chief Reason for Non-Entitlement.

Reason for Non-Entitlement		Can- ada	Prince Edward Island	Nova Sco- tia	New Brun- swick	Que- bec	On- tario	Mani- toba	Sask- atch- ewan	Al- berta	Br. Col- umbia
Insufficient contri- butions and not in insurable employ- ment	April	209	2	17	6	119	26	14	2	6	17
	May	190	4	10	8	81	35	15	14	4	19
Not capable of and not available for work	April	14	-	-	-	1	9	1	1	2	-
	May	14	-	1	3	1	8	-	1	-	-
Loss of work due to a labour dispute ..	April	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	May	6	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Refused offer of work and neglected oppor- tunity to work	April	5	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	1	-
	May	10	-	2	1	2	2	2	-	1	-
Discharged for mis- conduct	April	50	-	3	2	18	8	8	4	2	5
	May	33	-	-	-	16	10	3	1	-	3
Voluntarily left em- ployment without just cause	April	451	-	6	10	226	104	64	8	17	16
	May	299	2	6	8	135	86	32	7	13	10
Other reasons	April	48	1	8	5	15	11	1	2	2	3
	May	38	1	2	9	12	8	2	2	-	2
TOTAL	April	777	3	34	23	379	159	91	17	30	41
	May	590	7	21	29	253	149	54	25	18	34

Table F. - Number of Persons Receiving Benefit and Number of Persons Commencing the Receipt of Benefit on Initial and Renewal Claims in Each Province, During April and May, 1943.

Province	A P R I L				M A Y			
	Number Receiving Benefit	Number Commencing Total Persons	On Initial Claims	On Renewal Claims	Number Receiving Benefit	Number Commencing Total Persons	On Initial Claims	On Renewal Claims
Prince Edward Island	50	24	22	2	43	12	10	2
Nova Scotia ..	140	90	83	7	248	175	162	13
New Brunswick ..	232	115	102	13	186	89	74	15
Quebec	2,640	1,259	1,128	131	2,491	1,070	954	116
Ontario	882	429	392	47	674	259	222	37
Manitoba	494	229	173	56	404	203	161	42
Saskatchewan ..	263	94	77	17	206	100	83	17
Alberta	336	111	91	20	243	89	63	26
British Columbia	397	197	163	34	353	170	146	24
Total	5,434	2,558	2,231	327	4,848	2,167	1,875	292

Table G. - Number of Persons Receiving Benefit, Number of Days' Benefit Paid, and Amount of Benefit Paid in Each Province, During April and May, 1943.

Province	A P R I L			M A Y		
	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)
Prince Edward Island	50	613	914	43	654	959
Nova Scotia	140	2,100	3,935	248	3,245	6,611
New Brunswick ..	232	3,530	6,583	186	2,715	5,046
Quebec	2,640	39,723	74,027	2,491	37,480	69,634
Ontario	882	11,773	23,371	674	8,781	17,258
Manitoba	494	6,395	11,372	404	5,643	9,959
Saskatchewan ...	263	3,313	5,790	206	2,424	4,388
Alberta	336	3,819	7,994	243	3,004	6,244
British Columbia.	397	4,610	8,737	353	4,774	9,033
Total	5,434	75,876	142,723	4,848	68,720	129,132



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