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MONTHLY REPORT - JUNE AND JULY, 1943

During June and July, applications for benefit payments under the Unemployment Insurance Act numbered 1,772 and 1,087 respectively. The number of claims lodged at local offices of the Unemployment Insurance Commission has declined notably each month since March, when 5,046 claims were filed. In June and July, 1942, 4,629 and 2,668 claims were registered in local offices. The figure for June, 1942 is not typical, however, since it includes 2,373 claims from the Maritimes, where there was a partial shut-down of the collieries, particularly in the Sydney, N.S. area.

The number of claims forwarded to insurance offices shows a similar decline, from a high point of 4,775 in March to 1,692 in June, and 1,068 in July. During June and July of last year claims sent forward to insurance offices numbered 2,551 and 4,024. The July, 1942 figure on claims received at insurance offices was influenced by the large number of claims lodged in local offices in June, of these claims 2,067 being received at the Moncton regional office.

That the claimant voluntarily left his employment without just cause remains the most important cause for non-entitlement to benefit, with insufficient contributions the second most important cause.

During June, 2,729 persons received benefit, while in July, 1,868 persons were paid benefit, compared with 1,881 and 1,616 persons who received benefit payments during June and July of last year.

The number commencing the receipt of benefit payments was 1,096 in June and 831 in July, while during June and July a year ago, it was 1,130 and 1,071, respectively. The number of persons commencing the receipt of benefit each month fluctuates directly with the claims lodged, but there is a lag of about one and one-half months between fluctuations in the number of claims and in the total number of persons to whom benefits are paid. Thus, from November 1942 until February 1943, when the number of claims lodged each month was increasing, more persons submitted claims than received benefit, but since March 1943, with the number of claims decreasing each month, there have been more beneficiaries than claimants.

The lag between claims submitted and benefits paid is due to a combination of factors. The statutory provisions such as the nine waiting days required in each benefit year before benefit can be paid, is one cause. Then, although the average period compensated runs around thirteen days this average is influenced by the comparatively many who draw less than five days. Those who continue on benefit for forty or more days may appear in the figures of persons receiving benefit for three or more consecutive months. In addition, once an insured person has set up a benefit year and has accumulated "waiting days", a few days unemployment will result in a renewal claim and almost immediate payment of benefit.

The average duration of the unemployment compensated in June was 13.2 days, and in July 13.5 days, compared with 11.8 days and 12.5 days in June and July, 1942.

During June and July averages of \$24.30 and \$24.40 were paid per beneficiary, while in June and July of last year the average amounts paid were \$21.02 and \$22.03.

The average amount paid per compensated day of unemployment was \$1.84 in June and \$1.81 in July, while in June and July, 1942, it was \$1.78 and \$1.77, respectively.

Tables A to G, following, set forth the pertinent data respecting claims filed, their disposition, reasons for non-entitlement to benefit, employment applications by insured persons, and the duration and amount of benefit paid, by provinces.

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

Province	JUNE			JULY		
	Claims Filed			Claims Filed		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Prince Edward Island ..	10	8	2	8	7	1
Nova Scotia	478	456	22	68	56	12
New Brunswick	32	25	7	30	27	3
Quebec	614	485	129	356	249	107
Ontario	264	226	38	281	254	27
Manitoba	160	121	39	156	128	28
Saskatchewan	59	44	15	34	24	10
Alberta	60	50	10	72	54	18
British Columbia	95	75	20	82	71	11
Total	1,772	1,490	282	1,087	870	217

Table B. - Initial (I) and Renewal (R) Claims Received at Insurance Offices for Adjudication and their Disposition in June and July, 1943.

Province	Claims Received			Disposition of Claims					
				Entitled to Benefit		Not Entitled to Benefit		Pending	
	Total	I	R	I	R	I	R	I	R
J U N E									
Prince Edward Island ..	8	7	1	3	1	3	-	9	-
Nova Scotia	478	455	23	394	23	38	2	26	1
New Brunswick	30	23	7	17	5	6	1	16	4
Quebec	561	429	122	333	107	141	21	164	66
Ontario	233	204	29	149	28	77	3	56	1
Manitoba	161	132	29	98	26	56	3	32	3
Saskatchewan	63	48	15	42	14	12	-	11	3
Alberta	64	54	10	50	11	11	-	8	-
British Columbia	94	72	22	79	10	13	1	20	14
Total	1,692	1,434	258	1,165	225	357	31	342	92
J U L Y									
Prince Edward Island ..	8	6	2	5	1	-	-	10	1
Nova Scotia	73	62	11	58	7	14	3	16	2
New Brunswick	23	21	2	21	1	5	3	11	2
Quebec	410	294	116	242	121	154	16	62	45
Ontario	251	220	31	110	19	117	10	49	3
Manitoba	133	105	28	77	22	23	4	37	5
Saskatchewan	33	23	10	22	11	7	-	5	2
Alberta	67	48	19	38	18	11	-	7	1
British Columbia	70	59	11	51	22	15	-	13	3
Total	1,068	838	230	624	222	346	36	210	64

Table C. - Number of Applications for Benefit Payments, and Number of Applications for Employment, by Insured Persons in each Province, by Sex, in May and June, 1943.

Province	M A Y				J U N E			
	Claims	Employment Applications ¹			Claims	Employment Applications ²		
		Total	Males	Females		Total	Males	Females
Prince Edward Island	11	531	379	152	10	768	580	188
Nova Scotia	200	6,378	4,355	2,023	478	8,530	6,080	2,450
New Brunswick	41	4,085	2,956	1,129	32	5,213	3,762	1,451
Quebec	862	56,900	41,987	14,913	614	67,523	48,984	18,539
Ontario	351	62,836	40,686	22,150	264	80,624	52,730	27,894
Manitoba	199	8,489	5,501	2,988	160	10,615	6,054	4,561
Saskatchewan	84	4,352	2,502	1,850	59	5,098	2,988	2,110
Alberta	122	6,471	4,471	2,000	60	8,152	5,428	2,724
British Columbia ..	157	19,688	12,421	7,267	95	22,493	14,743	7,750
Total	2,027	169,730	115,258	54,472	1,772	209,016	141,349	67,667

¹ April 30 to May 27.

² May 28 to July 1.

Table D. - Number of Insured Applicants Unplaced on the Last Day of May and June, 1943, Classified by Province and Sex.

Province	M A Y ¹			J U N E ²		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Prince Edward Island ...	180	104	76	159	140	19
Nova Scotia	1,622	1,074	548	1,958	1,388	570
New Brunswick	1,343	934	409	1,340	905	435
Quebec	20,993	15,528	5,465	20,394	14,085	6,309
Ontario	16,697	11,065	5,632	16,896	10,049	6,847
Manitoba	826	402	424	2,318	465	1,853
Saskatchewan	1,004	705	299	983	613	370
Alberta	2,001	1,441	560	2,235	1,533	702
British Columbia	6,025	3,101	2,924	7,277	4,100	3,177
Total	50,691	34,354	16,337	53,560	33,278	20,282

¹ April 30 to May 27.

² May 28 to July 1.

Table E. - Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during June and July, 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 employment	June July	127 72	1 -	29 8	- 2	42 22	25 30	18 4	4 1	- 2	8 3
Not capable of and not available for work	June July	7 14	- -	3 -	- -	2 7	1 7	1 -	- -	- -	- -
Loss of work due to a labour dispute ...	June July	1 53	- -	- -	- -	1 53	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Refused offer of work and neglected oppor- tunity to work	June July	8 12	- -	- 2	3 -	2 5	1 2	2 1	- -	- 2	- -
Discharged for mis- conduct	June July	28 23	- -	1 2	- 1	13 13	5 3	7 2	2 -	- 1	- 1
Voluntarily left em- ployment without just cause	June July	188 184	1 -	2 2	4 3	90 65	42 75	30 20	3 6	10 6	6 7
Other reasons	June July	29 24	1 -	5 3	- 2	12 5	6 10	1 -	3 -	1 -	- 4
TOTAL	June July	388 382	3 -	40 17	7 8	162 170	80 127	59 27	12 7	11 11	14 15

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 June and July, 1943.

Province	J U N E				J U L Y			
	Number Receiving Benefit	Number Commencing Total Persons	On Initial Claims	On Re- newal Claims	Number Receiving Benefit	Number Commencing Total Persons	On Initial Claims	On Re- newal Claims
Prince Edward Island	16	1	1	-	11	5	4	1
Nova Scotia .	356	247	243	4	328	166	161	5
New Brunswick	78	36	25	11	45	15	12	3
Quebec	1,263	396	347	49	786	312	238	74
Ontario	304	112	92	20	219	117	106	11
Manitoba ..	240	106	86	20	186	97	72	25
Saskatchewan.	125	52	40	12	80	26	19	7
Alberta	133	59	43	16	88	38	34	4
British Columbia ..	214	87	72	15	125	55	48	7
Total ..	2,729	1,096	949	147	1,868	831	694	137

Table G. - Number of Persons Receiving Benefit, Number of Days' Benefit Paid, and Amount of Benefit Paid in each Province, during June and July, 1943.

Province	J U N E			J U L 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	16	250	336	11	199	258
Nova Scotia .	356	4,047	8,020	328	3,634	7,368
New Brunswick	78	1,163	2,148	45	555	999
Quebec	1,263	17,142	30,826	786	11,417	20,183
Ontario ...	304	3,852	7,286	219	3,198	5,689
Manitoba ..	240	3,265	5,626	186	2,337	3,975
Saskatchewan.	125	1,521	2,704	80	1,051	1,756
Alberta ...	133	1,689	3,641	88	935	1,928
British Columbia ..	214	3,111	5,720	125	1,840	3,425
Total ...	2,729	36,040	66,307	1,868	25,166	45,581

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