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STATISTICAL REPORT ON THE OPERATION OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT
INSURANCE ACT, JANUARY 1944.

During January 1944, 11,751 claims for Unemployment Insurance benefit were received in the local offices of the Unemployment Insurance Commission. This represents an increase of 5,189 claims over the 6,562 registered in December 1943. During January of last year 4,637 claims were filed in the local offices. Compared with last January, the number of claims has increased in all Provinces, but Ontario and Quebec have experienced the greatest relative increases. The increase in claims during January over December, when 6,562 were filed, is also striking, the highest proportional increases occurring in the Western Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

The number of persons who signed the live unemployment register in the last week of January was 12,439 compared with 6,216 in the last week of December. Persons sign the live register in a local office each week when they report respecting their unemployed days during the preceding week. Thus, as happened in January, the number signing the live register in a week may be greater than the number of claims received within the month, since those who claimed in a previous month and are still receiving benefit sign the register each week.

During January, 4,570 persons received a total of \$131,037 for 69,637 unemployed days compared with 2,226 persons who were paid \$52,600 for 29,160 days during December and 2,381 persons who received \$70,650 for 37,663 days in January 1943. In the present month, therefore, the average duration of the

unemployment compensated was 15.2 days as against 13.1 days in December and 15.8 days in January last year. The average amount paid per beneficiary was \$28.67 in January compared with \$23.63 in December and \$29.67 last January and the average amount paid per compensated day of unemployment was \$1.88 in January, \$1.80 in December and \$1.88 in January 1943.

The following tables, A to F, present data respecting the number who signed the live unemployment register in the last week of January, by sex, the number of claims lodged, their disposition, employment applications by insured persons, number receiving benefit, 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 January 1944, by Province and Sex.

	Total Canada	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
Total Persons ...	12,439	45	655	153	6,305	1,870	1,133	720	669	889
Male	9,971	36	444	102	5,441	1,509	769	506	537	627
Female	2,468	9	211	51	864	361	364	214	132	262

Table B - Number of Claims Filed in the Local Offices in Each Province, by Type of Claim, January 1944 and 1943.

Province	January 1944			January 1943		
	Claims Filed			Claims Filed		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Prince Edward Island..	43	41	2	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	561	492	69	-	-	-
New Brunswick	218	205	13	445 ¹	419	26
Quebec	5,354	4,785	569	1,620	1,425	195
Ontario	1,933	1,702	231	670 ²	606	64
Manitoba	1,115	989	126	754 ²	682	72
Saskatchewan	646	580	66	331	305	26
Alberta	794	704	90	320	285	35
British Columbia	1,087	1,018	69	497	471	26
Total	11,751	10,516	1,235	4,637	4,193	444

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, January 1944 and 1943.

Province	Disposition of Claims								
	Claims Received			Entitled to Benefit		Not Entitled to Benefit		Pending	
	Total	I.	R.	I.	R.	I.	R.	I.	R.
<u>January 1944</u>									
Prince Edward Island..	42	39	3	25	2	4	-	23	2
Nova Scotia	509	443	66	379	57	46	2	81	15
New Brunswick	163	152	11	78	11	18	-	70	4
Quebec	5,178	4,672	506	3,720	361	426	17	2,061	253
Ontario	1,707	1,469	238	1,156	218	194	16	292	13
Manitoba	981	882	99	467	92	88	5	521	23
Saskatchewan	602	537	65	444	57	36	3	120	13
Alberta	689	592	97	430	108	67	-	183	2
British Columbia	894	818	76	666	63	70	3	182	15
Total	10,765	9,604	1,161	7,365	969	949	46	3,533	340
<u>January 1943</u>									
Maritimes	397	366	31	218	29	30	-	161	6
Quebec	1,453	1,251	202	1,025	195	245	9	609	67
Ontario ¹	606	531	75	390	66	78	7	225	21
Manitoba ¹	673	591	82	392	67	74	5	187	22
Saskatchewan	334	311	23	215	19	37	2	16	1
Alberta	312	271	41	264	37	32	1	52	3
British Columbia	299	272	27	189	26	18	2	132	4
Total	4,074	3,593	481	2,693	439	514	26	1,382	124

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 period³, by Provinces, January 1944 and 1943.

Province	Claims	Employment Applications			Unplaced Applicants		
		Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
January 1944							
Prince Edward Island..	43	613	450	163	183	135	48
Nova Scotia	561	6,854	4,632	2,222	1,795	1,173	622
New Brunswick	218	5,189	3,442	1,747	1,119	711	408
Quebec	5,354	58,581	41,220	17,361	23,111	15,716	7,395
Ontario	1,933	76,863	46,407	30,456	18,051	11,546	6,505
Manitoba	1,115	9,557	4,866	4,691	2,550	1,289	1,261
Saskatchewan	646	5,315	2,868	2,447	1,510	804	706
Alberta	794	8,840	5,195	3,645	2,279	1,384	895
British Columbia	1,087	22,673	14,030	8,643	6,390	4,034	2,356
Total	11,751	194,485	123,110	71,375	56,988	36,792	20,196
January 1943							
Prince Edward Island..	-	313	233	80	165	102	63
Nova Scotia	-	4,445	3,313	1,132	1,534	1,080	454
New Brunswick	445 ¹	3,878	2,969	909	1,293	1,047	246
Quebec	1,620	47,598	37,537	10,061	21,172	17,531	3,641
Ontario	670 ²	58,104	38,782	19,322	17,397	11,587	5,810
Manitoba	754 ²	8,444	5,751	2,693	6,120	2,928	3,192
Saskatchewan	331	3,272	2,044	1,228	1,988	1,289	699
Alberta	320	5,940	3,992	1,948	1,661	950	711
British Columbia	497	17,727	12,561	5,166	8,654	3,231	5,423
Total	4,637	149,721	107,182	42,539	59,984	39,745	20,239

Footnotes 1 and 2 will be found following Table E.

³ Period covered: 1943 - Jan.1st to Jan.28th; 1944 - Dec.31/43 to Feb.3/44.

Table E - Claimants not Entitled to Benefit in Each Province During January 1944 and 1943, with Chief Reasons for Non-Entitlement.

Reasons for Non-Entitlement		CAN-ADA					Que.	Ont. ²	Man. ²	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
		P.	E.	I.	N.S.	N.B. ¹						
Insufficient contributions and not in insurable employment	Jan. 1944	398	3	31	12	155	61	32	19	27	58	
	Jan. 1943	223	-	-	23	89	39	26	22	17	7	
Not capable of and not available for work	Jan. 1944	6	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	
	Jan. 1943	4	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	Jan. 1944	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Jan. 1943	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	Jan. 1944	7	-	1	1	1	2	-	-	1	1	
	Jan. 1943	8	-	-	2	4	-	2	-	-	-	
Discharged for misconduct	Jan. 1944	88	1	6	1	31	16	15	8	8	2	
	Jan. 1943	54	-	-	1	18	9	7	5	10	4	
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	Jan. 1944	455	-	6	3	231	121	45	10	29	10	
	Jan. 1943	236	-	-	3	135	32	42	10	5	9	
Other reasons	Jan. 1944	41	-	4	1	22	7	1	2	2	2	
	Jan. 1943	15	-	-	-	7	3	2	2	1	-	
	Jan. 1944	995	4	48	18	443	210	93	39	67	73	
Total	Jan. 1943	540	-	-	30	254	85	79	39	33	20	

1 1943 figures are a total for the Maritimes.

2 For January 1943 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, January 1944 and 1943.

Province	Number	Number Commencing Benefit		No. of	Amt. of	
	Receiv- ing Benefit	Total Per- sons	On In- itial Claims	On Ren- ewal Claims	Days ^v Benefit Paid	Benefit Paid (in Dollars)
January 1944						
Prince Edward Island ..	25	19	18	1	377	665
Nova Scotia	528	338	313	25	8,699	16,429
New Brunswick	38	24	19	5	492	890
Quebec	1,656	1,251	1,049	202	26,873	49,307
Ontario	842	569	472	97	11,708	23,111
Manitoba	430	329	250	79	7,199	13,518
Saskatchewan	252	177	155	22	3,453	6,086
Alberta	324	231	190	41	4,302	8,467
British Columbia	475	325	287	38	6,534	12,564
Total	4,570	3,263	2,753	510	69,637	131,037
January 1943.						
Prince Edward Island ..	18	13	10	3	305	427
Nova Scotia	34	24	22	2	391	743
New Brunswick	54	40	32	8	761	1,403
Quebec	733	480	448	32	14,006	25,367
Ontario	303	260	236	24	5,204	10,080
Manitoba	474	300	256	44	6,287	11,811
Saskatchewan	232	183	166	17	2,803	5,221
Alberta	356	244	228	16	5,296	10,796
British Columbia	174	118	111	7	2,610	4,833
Total	2,381	1,662	1,509	153	37,663	70,650