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

12,284 claims for Unemployment Insurance benefit were registered in local offices of the Unemployment Insurance Commission during February. This is the largest monthly total to date and is an increase of 533 over the 11,751 claims received in January. During January and February 1943, 4,637 and 4,822 claims were filed. It will thus be seen that the increase between January and February this year represents an expected seasonal rise, but the total number of claims recorded each month during the present winter greatly exceeds the monthly totals a year ago.

Of the 11,432 claims sent forward to insurance offices during February, 8,152 were considered entitled to benefit and 6,337 commenced receiving benefit payments. In all, 9,056 persons were paid one or more benefit cheques during February, representing a total payment of \$301,393 for 158,455 days of compensated unemployment. This compares with a total of \$129,722 paid to 4,079 persons for 69,082 days in February 1943.

The average duration of the cases of compensated unemployment was 17.5 days this February compared with 16.9 days last February. The average amount paid per beneficiary and the average amount paid per compensated day of unemployment in February was \$33.28 and \$1.90 as against \$31.80 and \$1.88 respectively, in February 1943.

The following tables set forth data respecting the number of persons who signed the live unemployment register during the last six working days of February, the number of claims filed during the month, their disposition, reasons for non-entitlement to benefit, employment applications by insured persons, persons receiving benefit, number of days' benefit paid and amount of benefit paid, by provinces.

Table A - Number of Persons Signing the Live Unemployment Register During the Last Six Working Days of February, 1944, by Province and Sex.

	Total	Canada	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B. C.
Total Persons ..	16,121	65	714	161	8,016	2,501	1,278	685	1,681	1,022	
Male	13,327	48	544	122	7,126	1,995	882	497	1,470	643	
Female ...	2,794	15	170	39	890	506	396	188	211	379	

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

Province	February 1944 Claims Filed			February 1943 Claims Filed		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Prince Edward Island ...	43	40	3	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	388	316	72	-	-	-
New Brunswick	249	230	19	519 ¹	481	38
Quebec	5,415	4,606	809	2,039	1,808	231
Ontario	2,142	1,888	254	762 ²	672	90
Manitoba	792	719	73	490 ²	425	65
Saskatchewan	348	296	52	203	166	37
Alberta	2,054	1,970	84	304	257	47
British Columbia	853	798	55	505	479	26
Total	12,284	10,863	1,421	4,822	4,288	534

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, February 1944 and 1943.

Province	Claims Received			Disposition of Claims					
				Entitled to Benefit		Not Entitled to Benefit		Pending	
	Total	I.	R.	I.	R.	I.	R.	I.	R.
February 1944									
Prince Edward Island ..	37	35	2	24	2	5	-	29	2
Nova Scotia	441	362	79	305	46	30	3	108	45
New Brunswick	210	196	14	111	11	28	-	127	7
Quebec ¹	5,255	4,474	781	2,928	539	775	44	2,587	451
Ontario	1,889	1,645	244	1,351	231	224	14	362	12
Manitoba	826	740	86	585	62	127	8	549	39
Saskatchewan	372	320	52	335	55	41	4	64	6
Alberta	1,508	1,432	76	689	75	103	2	823	1
British Columbia	894	843	51	745	58	68	-	212	8
Total	12,432	10,047	1,385	7,073	1,079	1,401	75	4,861	571
February 1943									
Maritimes	448	414	34	365	26	36	2	174	12
Quebec	1,950	1,742	208	1,369	180	450	21	532	74
Ontario ²	688	613	75	558	76	176	7	104	13
Manitoba ²	525	466	59	410	51	76	5	167	25
Saskatchewan	213	177	36	192	33	32	2	47	6
Alberta	313	267	46	235	43	39	1	45	5
British Columbia	604	578	26	336	22	50	1	324	7
Total	4,741	4,257	484	3,465	431	859	39	1,393	142

1 - An amended report for January from the Montreal Office gives the total of initial claims received at Insurance Offices in the Province of Quebec during January as 4,427 instead of 4,672, as previously reported; similarly, the figure for initial claims pending at the end of January in the Province of Quebec should have been 1,816 instead of 2,061.

2 - 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, February 1944 and 1943.

Province	Employment Applications				Unplaced Applicants		
	Claims	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
February 1944							
Prince Edward Island	4 ³	385	254	131	206	136	70
Nova Scotia	388	4,812	3,188	1,624	1,886	1,171	715
New Brunswick	249	3,784	2,550	1,234	1,296	884	412
Quebec	5,415	46,893	31,704	15,189	23,693	16,656	7,037
Ontario	2,142	55,785	33,431	22,354	17,747	11,173	6,574
Manitoba	792	6,866	3,464	3,402	2,445	1,292	1,153
Saskatchewan	348	3,720	1,990	1,730	1,589	664	725
Alberta	2,054	6,484	3,904	2,580	2,425	1,476	949
British Columbia	853	17,388	11,256	6,132	6,199	3,783	2,416
Total	12,284	146,117	91,741	54,376	57,286	37,235	20,051
February 1943							
Prince Edward Island	-	372	279	93	112	82	30
Nova Scotia	-	4,637	3,529	1,108	1,515	1,032	483
New Brunswick	519 ¹	3,757	2,744	1,013	1,356	979	377
Quebec	2,039	50,023	37,725	12,298	20,782	16,853	3,929
Ontario	762 ²	54,199	35,313	18,886	14,710	9,547	5,163
Manitoba	490 ²	5,997	3,537	2,460	1,909	771	1,138
Saskatchewan	203	2,937	1,647	1,290	1,617	1,039	578
Alberta	304	6,295	4,231	2,064	2,145	1,276	869
British Columbia	505	15,886	11,004	4,882	9,799	4,069	5,730
Total	4,822	144,103	100,009	44,094	53,945	35,648	18,297

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.

3 - Period covered: 1944 - Feb. 4 - Mar. 2; 1943, Jan. 29 - February 25.

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

Reasons for Non-Entitlement		CAN-									
		ADA	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B. ¹	Que.	Ont. ²	Man. ²	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
Insufficient contributions and not in insurable employment	Feb. 1944	694	4	19	18	409	71	53	21	57	42
	Feb. 1943	272	-	-	23	125	49	23	13	11	28
Not capable of and not available for work	Feb. 1944	16	-	-	-	5	6	-	3	-	2
	Feb. 1943	14	-	-	2	5	6	-	-	-	1
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	Feb. 1944	20	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-
	Feb. 1943	92	-	-	1	91	-	-	-	-	-
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	Feb. 1944	10	-	2	-	3	1	2	-	1	1
	Feb. 1943	10	-	-	-	4	4	-	1	-	1
Discharged for misconduct	Feb. 1944	92	1	2	4	47	16	12	2	4	4
	Feb. 1943	61	-	-	-	18	15	10	6	5	7
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1944	598	-	6	5	304	140	67	17	40	19
	1943	399	-	-	7	197	103	46	11	23	12
Other reasons	Feb. 1944	46	-	4	1	31	4	1	2	3	-
	Feb. 1943	50	-	-	5	31	6	2	3	1	2
Total	Feb. 1944	1,476	5	33	28	819	238	135	45	105	68
	Feb. 1943	898	-	-	38	471	183	81	34	40	51

1 - 1943 figures are a total for the Maritimes.

2 - For February 1943, the Manitoba area included that part of Ontario served by the Local Offices of Kenora, Fort Frances, Fort William and Port Arthur.



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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, February 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' Benefit Paid	Benefit Paid (in Dollars)
<u>February 1944</u>						
Prince Edward Island	35	18	16	2	575	943
Nova Scotia	707	326	291	35	12,112	22,842
New Brunswick	97	71	68	3	1,333	2,464
Quebec	3,665	2,857	2,607	250	72,314	133,949
Ontario	1,491	985	886	99	22,222	44,996
Manitoba	852	592	515	77	15,242	28,993
Saskatchewan	649	479	446	33	10,332	19,315
Alberta	620	401	370	31	8,912	17,510
British Columbia ...	940	608	565	43	15,413	30,381
Total	9,056	6,337	5,764	573	158,155	301,393
<u>February 1943</u>						
Prince Edward Island	35	20	19	1	540	789
Nova Scotia	65	51	49	2	798	1,522
New Brunswick	193	169	154	15	3,248	5,968
Quebec	1,415	1,101	1,040	61	27,244	51,652
Ontario	547	467	435	32	9,034	17,695
Manitoba	720	414	366	48	11,721	21,293
Saskatchewan	342	194	178	16	5,404	9,405
Alberta	452	200	179	21	6,677	13,241
British Columbia ...	310	211	191	20	4,416	8,157
Total	4,079	2,827	2,611	216	69,082	129,722