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

The number of claims for Unemployment Insurance benefit declined slightly in March compared with February, but remained well above the number recorded during March last year. A total of 10,667 claims were filed in local offices throughout Canada during March as against 12,284 in February and 5,046 in March 1943.

The effect of this small decrease was not felt immediately in the Insurance Offices, since there is a lag of something more than a week between the receipt of a claim in a local office and its despatch to an insurance office. Thus, 11,187 applications were forwarded to insurance offices during the month, where 11,069 claimants were considered entitled to benefit. Some of these were claims pending at the end of February.

Since all claimants and beneficiaries must sign the live unemployment register each week and many of them who signed had lodged their claims in previous months, the number of persons signing the unemployment register increased slightly, from 16,121 during the last week in February, to 16,406 during the last week in March.

The number of persons who received benefit during March, 16,679, represented a considerable increase over February when 9,056 were paid benefit. This is also a notable increase over the 5,996 persons who received benefit during March last year. A similar increase over February 1944 and March 1943 occurred respecting the number of days¹ benefit paid and the amount of benefit paid. These totalled 388,544 days and \$755,966 during March compared with 158,455 days and \$301,393 in February and 104,801 days and \$197,591 during March 1943.

During March, then, the average duration of cases of compensated unemployment was 23.3 days as against 17.5 days in both February 1944 and March 1943. The average amount paid per beneficiary was \$45.32 in March compared with \$33.28 during February and \$32.95 during March 1943. The average amount paid per compensated day of unemployment increased to \$1.95 this March from \$1.90 in February and \$1.89 in March 1943.

Tables A and F in this report present data regarding the number of claims filed and their disposition, the number of persons signing the live unemployment register, reasons for non-entitlement, number of persons receiving benefit, number of days¹ 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 March 1944, by Province and Sex.

	Total	Canada	P.E.I.N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
Total Persons	16,406	58	565	336	8,201	2,600	1,029	481	1,950	1,186
Male	13,671	40	415	272	7,464	1,986	730	348	1,739	677
Female	2,735	18	150	64	737	614	299	133	211	509

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

Province	March 1944			March 1943		
	Claims Filed			Claims Filed		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Prince Edward Island	43	35	8	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	244	202	42	-	-	-
New Brunswick	356	297	59	360 ¹	317	43
Quebec	4,662	3,794	868	2,401	2,018	383
Ontario	1,945	1,629	316	905 ²	760	145
Manitoba	667	541	126	491 ²	394	97
Saskatchewan	238	200	38	185	150	35
Alberta	1,612	1,520	92	265	197	68
British Columbia ...	900	824	76	439	387	52
Total	10,667	9,042	1,625	5,046	4,223	823

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, March 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.
March 1944									
Prince Edward Island	42	34	8	31	6	8	-	24	4
Nova Scotia	247	206	41	231	75	34	4	49	7
New Brunswick	347	289	58	217	19	78	3	121	43
Quebec	4,835	3,942	893	3,946	725	899	64	1,684	555
Ontario	2,038	1,732	306	1,545	278	275	26	274	14
Manitoba	643	536	107	621	104	197	8	267	34
Saskatchewan	241	202	39	220	41	36	3	10	1
Alberta	1,942	1,851	91	2,183	90	144	1	347	1
British Columbia ...	852	785	67	681	56	103	3	208	16
Total	11,187	9,577	1,610	9,675	1,394	1,779	112	2,984	675

Table C. - Initial (I) and Renewal (R) Claims Received at Insurance Offices for Adjudication and Their Disposition, March 1944 and 1943. Continued.

Province	Total	Disposition of Claims							
		Claims Received		Entitled to Benefit		Not Entitled to Benefit		Pending	
		I.	R.	I.	R.	I.	R.	I.	R.
		March, 1943							
Maritimes	382	347	35	377	44	47	-	97	3
Quebec	2,262	1,883	379	1,622	311	400	44	393	98
Ontario ¹	874	729	145	529	127	188	26	116	5
Manitoba ¹	449	363	86	310	87	100	5	120	19
Saskatchewan ...	177	141	36	139	37	19	-	30	5
Alberta	263	194	69	170	71	36	2	33	1
British Columbia	368	318	50	497	34	54	3	92	19
Total	4,775	3,975	800	3,644	711	844	80	881	150

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, March 1944 and 1943.

Province	Claims	Employment Applications			Unplaced Applicants		
		Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
March, 1944							
Prince Edward Island	43	421	259	162	164	96	68
Nova Scotia	244	5,018	3,291	1,727	1,709	1,101	608
New Brunswick	356	3,823	2,428	1,395	1,194	761	433
Québec	4,662	44,859	30,717	14,142	23,184	16,651	6,533
Ontario	1,945	54,945	33,605	21,340	16,409	10,038	6,371
Manitoba	667	7,190	3,677	3,513	2,598	1,399	1,199
Saskatchewan	238	3,544	1,819	1,725	1,189	647	542
Alberta	1,612	7,118	4,356	2,782	2,736	1,773	963
British Columbia ...	900	16,702	10,676	6,026	5,705	3,403	2,302
Total	10,667	143,620	90,808	52,812	54,688	35,869	19,019
March, 1943							
Prince Edward Island	-	589	401	188	143	87	56
Nova Scotia	-	5,916	4,485	1,431	1,641	1,136	505
New Brunswick	360 ¹	4,830	3,613	1,217	1,338	931	407
Québec	2,401	64,964	47,282	17,682	20,998	15,470	5,528
Ontario	905 ²	71,375	46,464	24,911	16,709	10,989	5,720
Manitoba	491 ²	10,754	7,570	3,184	2,468	1,928	540
Saskatchewan	185	3,653	1,963	1,690	1,292	832	460
Alberta	265	7,576	5,077	2,499	1,945	1,234	711
British Columbia ...	439	21,443	14,511	6,932	5,012	2,678	2,334
Total	5,046	191,100	131,366	59,734	51,546	35,285	18,261

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. Mar. 3 - Mar. 30; 1943: Feb. 26 - April 1.



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

Reasons for Non-Entitlement		Canada	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont. ²	Man. ²	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
Insufficient contributions and not in insurable employment	Mar. 1944	859	4	19	46	455	105	64	14	90	62
	Mar. 1943	263	-	-	28	128	50	21	4	9	23
Not capable of and not available for work	Mar. 1944	19	-	-	-	7	9	1	1	-	1
	Mar. 1943	16	-	-	-	3	5	3	3	-	2
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	Mar. 1944	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Mar. 1943	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	Mar. 1944	14	-	-	-	5	1	1	-	-	7
	Mar. 1943	21	-	-	-	6	3	4	-	6	2
Discharged for misconduct	Mar. 1944	104	-	3	2	57	9	14	9	6	4
	Mar. 1943	79	-	-	1	42	16	6	3	3	8
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	Mar. 1944	788	3	10	25	371	164	123	13	48	31
	Mar. 1943	512	-	-	12	252	133	68	7	19	21
Other Reasons	Mar. 1944	106	1	6	8	67	13	2	2	1	6
	Mar. 1943	32	-	-	6	12	7	3	2	1	1
	Mar. 1944	1,891	8	38	81	963	301	205	39	145	111
Total	Mar. 1943	924	-	-	47	444	214	105	19	38	57

1. - 1943 figures are a total for the Maritimes.

2. - For March 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, March 1944 and 1943.

Province	Number Receiving Benefit	Number Commencing Benefit Total Persons	On Initial Claims	On Renewal Claims	No. of Days' Benefit Paid	Amt. of Benefit Paid (in Dollars)
March 1944						
Prince Edward Island	66	41	37	4	1,463	2,337
Nova Scotia	887	405	357	48	20,952	40,772
New Brunswick	228	179	168	11	4,121	7,520
Quebec	7,101	5,232	4,785	497	203,493	391,042
Ontario	2,937	1,950	1,780	170	58,891	119,779
Manitoba	1,395	899	807	92	29,694	56,634
Saskatchewan	784	333	297	36	15,985	30,616
Alberta	1,893	1,466	1,399	67	25,046	50,844
British Columbia	1,388	977	922	55	28,899	56,422
Total	16,679	11,532	10,552	980	388,544	755,966
March 1943						
Prince Edward Island	49	28	27	1	1,010	1,454
Nova Scotia	138	114	111	3	2,212	4,291
New Brunswick	336	227	209	18	6,874	12,651
Quebec	2,567	1,762	1,617	145	45,955	85,717
Ontario	713	581	525	56	14,079	27,804
Manitoba	671	335	265	70	10,660	19,121
Saskatchewan	398	179	162	17	6,798	11,976
Alberta	504	258	202	56	8,135	16,672
British Columbia	620	453	435	18	9,078	17,905
Total	5,996	3,937	3,555	384	104,801	197,591