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

During April 6,463 applications for benefit payments under the Unemployment Insurance Act were filed in the local offices throughout Canada. This represents a considerable decrease from the 10,667 registered in March and reflects, in part at least, the normal seasonal increase in employment during the spring as well as increased employment in certain war industries. During the same two months of last year a similar decrease in the number of claims filed occurred, 5,046 being registered in March and 3,953 in April.

As an indication of current unemployment in the insured population the number signing the live unemployment register is of greater significance than the number of claims filed. The number of claims records merely the number of persons who, during the period, became unemployed and applied for benefit. Many of these persons are placed in employment within a few days, so the monthly total of claims filed gives little indication of the extent of unemployment at any given time. Each claimant reports to the local office once a week on his unemployed days during the preceding week. So long as he remains unemployed and his benefit rights have not terminated for some reason, his claim remains live and he continues to report each week and to sign the live unemployment register. The number of persons signing the live unemployment register during the last six working days of April, then, represents the number of live claims in that week, i.e., the number who, during the week, reported unemployed days either as "waiting days" etc., or as days for which compensation should be paid. During the last working week in April, 12,053 persons signed the live unemployment register compared with 16,406 during the last week in March.

A total of 13,264 persons were paid benefit during April as against 16,679 in March and 5,434 during April of last year. Those to whom benefit was paid received a total of \$357,206 for 180,730 unemployed days during April, compared with \$755,966 for 388,544 days in March and \$142,723 for 75,876 days in April 1943.

The average duration of the unemployment compensated was, then, 13.6 days in April, 23.3 days in March and 14.0 days in April last year. The average amount paid per beneficiary was \$26.93 in April, \$45.32 in March and \$26.26 in April 1943. The average amount paid per compensated day of unemployment was \$1.98 in April, \$1.95 in March and \$1.88 in April last year.

Tables A to F, following, present data respecting the persons signing the live unemployment register during the last six working days of April, by sex and province, the number of claims filed and their disposition, reasons for non-entitlement to benefit, employment applications by insured persons, number receiving benefit, number commencing the receipt of benefit, benefit days paid and amount of benefit paid.

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

	Total Canada	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
Total Persons	12,053	48	504	207	5,991	1,835	879	317	1,461	811
Male	9,517	28	388	153	5,222	1,357	494	143	1,288	444
Female	2,536	20	116	54	769	478	385	174	173	367

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

Province	April 1944			April 1943		
	Claims Filed			Claims Filed		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Prince Edward Island	27	24	3	30	27	3
Nova Scotia	279	197	82	184	159	25
New Brunswick	169	155	14	127	103	24
Quebec	3,083	2,452	631	1,903	1,557	346
Ontario	1,062	855	207	740	651	89
Manitoba	596	501	95	339	267	72
Saskatchewan	175	114	61	140	109	31
Alberta	625	558	67	156	110	46
British Columbia ...	447	404	43	334	286	48
Total -	6,463	5,260	1,203	3,953	3,269	684

Table C. - Initial (I) and Renewal (R) Claims Received at Insurance Offices for Adjudication and Their Disposition, April 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
April 1944									
Prince Edward Island	27	24	3	21	5	9	-	18	2
Nova Scotia	283	199	84	183	82	44	3	21	6
New Brunswick	199	183	16	155	50	52	-	97	9
Quebec	3,264	2,633	631	2,537	669	893	133	887	384
Ontario	1,123	907	216	840	191	212	22	129	17
Manitoba	642	533	109	423	107	105	19	272	17
Saskatchewan	199	136	63	115	60	16	1	15	3
Alberta	812	741	71	743	62	74	6	271	4
British Columbia ...	456	400	56	402	66	73	2	133	4
Total -	7,005	5,756	1,249	5,419	1,292	1,478	186	1,843	446

Table C. - Initial (I) and Renewal (R) Claims Received at Insurance Offices for Adjudication and Their Disposition, April 1944 and 1943. Cont'd.

Disposition of Claims									
Province	Total	Claims Received		Entitled to Benefit		Not Entitled to Benefit		Pending	
		I.	R.	I.	R.	I.	R.	I.	R.
April, 1943									
Prince Edward Is.	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

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 Period,¹ by Provinces, April 1944 and 1943.

Province	Claims	Employment Applications			Unplaced Applicants		
		Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
April, 1944							
Prince Edward Island	27	428	267	161	130	71	59
Nova Scotia	279	5,567	3,815	1,752	1,769	1,135	634
New Brunswick	169	4,174	2,874	1,300	1,285	995	290
Quebec	3,083	45,106	32,825	12,281	24,293	17,531	6,762
Ontario	1,062	58,067	36,490	21,577	15,980	9,638	6,342
Manitoba	596	7,891	4,385	3,506	2,794	1,295	1,499
Saskatchewan	175	4,499	2,600	1,899	1,290	648	642
Alberta	625	7,434	4,574	2,860	2,413	1,506	907
British Columbia ...	447	17,028	11,290	5,738	5,618	3,519	2,099
Total	6,463	150,194	99,120	51,074	55,572	36,338	19,234
April, 1943							
Prince Edward Island	30	362	226	136	176	95	81
Nova Scotia	184	5,076	3,923	1,153	1,629	1,120	509
New Brunswick	127	4,132	3,217	915	1,391	1,093	298
Quebec	1,903	48,156	35,445	12,711	21,519	16,961	4,558
Ontario	740	60,999	40,233	20,766	17,400	11,704	5,696
Manitoba	339	8,857	6,003	2,854	2,002	1,304	598
Saskatchewan	140	4,165	2,672	1,493	1,439	1,105	334
Alberta	156	6,039	4,129	1,910	1,845	1,039	806
British Columbia ...	334	20,109	13,301	6,808	4,475	3,025	1,450
Total	3,963	157,895	109,149	48,746	51,876	37,446	14,330

¹ Period covered : 1944: March 31 to April 27; 1943: April 2-29.



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

Reasons for Non-Entitlement		Can-ada	PEI.	NB.	NB.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B. C.
Insufficient Contributions and not in insurable employment	Apr. 1944	514	6	21	28	274	84	27	4	40	30
	Apr. 1943	209	2	17	6	119	26	14	2	6	17
Not capable of and not available for work	Apr. 1944	22	-	2	1	10	3	-	1	4	1
	Apr. 1943	14	-	-	-	1	9	1	1	2	-
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	Apr. 1944	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Apr. 1943	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	Apr. 1944	22	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	1	12
	Apr. 1943	5	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	1	-
Discharged for misconduct	Apr. 1944	109	1	6	5	61	9	15	3	3	6
	Apr. 1943	50	-	3	2	18	8	8	4	2	5
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	Apr. 1944	874	-	13	12	574	131	80	8	31	25
	Apr. 1943	451	-	6	10	226	104	64	8	17	16
Other Reasons	Apr. 1944	123	2	5	6	98	7	2	1	1	1
	Apr. 1943	48	1	8	5	15	11	1	2	2	3
	Apr. 1944	1,664	9	47	52	1,026	234	124	17	80	75
Total	Apr. 1943	777	3	34	23	379	159	91	17	30	41

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, April 1944 and 1943.

Province	Number Receiving Benefit	Number Commencing Total Persons	On Initial Claims	On Renewal Claims	No. of Days' Benefit Paid	Amt. of Benefit Paid (in Dollars)
April 1944						
Prince Edward Island	47	13	10	3	565	865
Nova Scotia	533	97	83	14	6,508	12,899
New Brunswick	206	118	75	43	2,394	4,498
Quebec	5,107	2,247	1,995	252	93,947	183,063
Ontario	8,732	703	610	93	27,309	55,261
Manitoba	1,033	315	264	51	12,353	24,048
Saskatchewan	440	119	110	9	4,957	9,590
Alberta	2,162	859	828	31	19,887	42,068
British Columbia ...	1,004	284	255	29	12,810	24,914
Total	13,264	4,755	4,230	525	180,730	357,206
April 1943						
Prince Edward Island	50	24	22	2	613	914
Nova Scotia	140	90	83	7	2,100	3,935
New Brunswick	232	115	102	13	3,530	6,583
Quebec	2,640	1,259	1,128	131	39,723	74,027
Ontario	882	439	392	47	11,773	23,371
Manitoba	494	229	173	56	6,395	11,372
Saskatchewan	263	94	77	17	3,313	5,790
Alberta	336	111	91	20	3,819	7,994
British Columbia ...	397	197	163	34	4,610	8,737
Total	5,434	2,558	2,231	327	75,876	142,723