

Governments as to the terms, conditions and purposes upon and for which payments should be made. During 1921 agreements were completed with all the provinces except New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Agreements were also made during the year with the municipalities of Moncton and Chatham, in accordance with an amendment to the Act passed in 1920. The agreement requires that in the operation of the employment offices the provinces shall endeavour to fill situations in all trades and occupations for both men and women and that no charge shall be made to employers or employees for this service. Each province agrees to maintain a provincial clearance system in co-operation with the interprovincial clearance system established by the Dominion Government; to organize in connection with the Employment Service of the province a provincial advisory council, and in every city of the province with a population of 25,000 or more in which an employment office is established, a local advisory council, representing equally employers and employees, to assist in the administration of the employment offices.

Regulations issued under authority of the Act in December, 1918, in addition to authorizing Provincial and Local Advisory Councils, provided for the establishment of the Employment Service Council of Canada, to advise the Minister of Labour in the administration of the Act and to recommend ways of preventing unemployment. This body is composed of representatives of the Dominion and Provincial Governments, the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, the Association of Canadian Building and Construction Industries, the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada, the Railway Association of Canada, the Canadian Railway Brotherhoods, the Canadian Lumbermen's Association, the Canadian Council of Agriculture and the Great War Veterans' Association. It has held three meetings, the first in May, 1919, the second in September, 1920, and the third August 31-September 2, 1921, at which plans for developing the work of the Employment Service and for preventing unemployment were discussed and recommendations presenting the views of the Council were adopted.

During the year 1921, the applications for employment received at the various local offices of the Employment Service totalled 530,872, of which 434,590 were for men and 96,282 for women. The vacancies reported during the same period numbered 420,024, of which 321,402 were for men and 98,622 for women. During the year 280,518 placements were made in regular employment, of which 245,246 were of men and 35,272 of women, and also 7,523 placements in casual employment.