

17.—Applications for Employment, Positions Offered and Placements Effected by the Employment Service of Canada, by Provinces, 1931-32,<sup>1</sup> and for Canada, 1920-32.

Province.	Year.	Applications Registered.		Vacancies Notified.		Placements Effected.	
		Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Nova Scotia.....	1931.....	6,516	5,150	5,964	4,439	5,948	3,977
	1932.....	9,054	4,795	8,406	3,814	8,460	3,530
New Brunswick.....	1931.....	6,735	4,700	5,975	4,725	5,923	4,638
	1932.....	7,770	4,151	7,042	4,145	7,041	4,110
Quebec.....	1931.....	44,092	17,442	8,581	10,783	8,299	8,585
	1932.....	43,444	27,019	7,478	13,649	7,030	10,757
Ontario.....	1931.....	333,605	86,000	221,773	41,022	220,750	32,493
	1932.....	235,137	82,593	131,445	31,944	130,335	26,550
Manitoba.....	1931.....	67,268	17,446	34,298	14,206	34,399	13,841
	1932.....	50,795	14,014	32,597	11,167	33,140	10,954
Saskatchewan.....	1931.....	32,017	9,777	25,657	7,296	24,911	6,893
	1932.....	31,186	9,129	28,755	8,316	26,651	7,236
Alberta.....	1931.....	81,207	9,335	48,347	5,896	48,154	5,741
	1932.....	65,383	7,995	34,277	5,325	33,848	5,086
British Columbia.....	1931.....	114,020	10,842	41,262	6,160	40,847	6,109
	1932.....	69,927	10,037	32,643	5,027	32,530	5,016
Canada.....	Totals, 1920.....	490,735	96,454	450,526	116,142	365,292	80,526
	Totals, 1921.....	438,836	105,563	325,496	106,697	277,792	77,964
	Totals, 1922.....	443,875	104,407	365,529	104,359	316,336	77,138
	Totals, 1923.....	473,453	115,692	431,576	109,404	376,601	85,271
	Totals, 1924.....	462,593	116,782	314,258	97,610	295,359	89,773
	Totals, 1925.....	439,622	119,623	345,570	101,473	323,334	84,491
	Totals, 1926.....	417,965	124,504	345,163	111,769	319,556	96,497
	Totals, 1927.....	422,022	131,849	339,478	114,695	320,396	94,463
	Totals, 1928.....	454,525	142,968	376,791	129,635	361,942	106,394
	Totals, 1929.....	397,577	153,199	296,592	131,435	287,128	111,239
	Totals, 1930.....	463,103	149,887	278,835	107,199	274,227	94,452
	Totals, 1931.....	635,460	140,683	391,857	91,527	399,231	82,277
	Totals, 1932.....	512,605	139,733	282,643	83,385	278,975	73,239

<sup>1</sup>Figures by provinces and years for 1920-25 will be found at p. 703 of the 1926 Year Book, for 1926-28 at p. 731 of the 1930 Year Book, and for 1929-30 at p. 773 of the 1931 Year Book.

### Subsection 2.—Unemployment as Reported by Trade Unions.

Monthly statistics on unemployment are compiled and published by the Employment Service Branch of the Dominion Department of Labour, based on returns received from 1,800 local trade unions having an aggregate membership of nearly 175,000 workers. "Unemployment" as here used means involuntary idleness, due to economic causes. Persons engaged in work other than their own trades, or idle because of illness, are not considered as unemployed, while unions involved in industrial disputes are excluded from the tabulations. As the number of unions making returns varies from month to month, with consequent variation in the membership upon which the percentages of unemployment are based, it should be understood that the figures for each month have reference only to the reporting organizations. Table 18 is a record of unemployment in trade unions, for the past 18 years, by provinces. The maximum of unemployment in 1932 was in December, when the percentage stood at 25.5; in 1931 the December figure of 21.1 p.c. constituted the maximum. In 1931 the minimum, reached in April, was 14.9 p.c., while the 1932 low was 20.4 p.c. recorded in both March and September. Employment among organized workers, as indicated by these statistics, was less active on the average in 1932 than 1931, the average of the monthly figures of unemployment for 1932 being 22.0 p.c., while for 1931 the corresponding figure was 16.8 p.c.