

23.—Wage Earners 10 Years of Age and Over, by Sex, Showing Number Unemployed and Weeks Lost, by Sex, Province and Reason Given, census year ended June 1, 1931—concluded. (Preliminary figures).

Province.	Persons Unemployed Some Period and Total of Weeks Lost.							
	Illness.		Accident.		Strike or Lockout.		Other Causes.	
	Persons.	Weeks.	Persons.	Weeks.	Persons.	Weeks.	Persons.	Weeks.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prince Edward Island.	376	5,412	34	372	1	9	53	1,126
Males.....	294	4,321	31	350	1	9	29	619
Females.....	82	1,091	3	22	-	-	24	507
Nova Scotia.....	8,322	97,262	1,853	20,480	207	1,050	389	6,361
Males.....	7,366	84,077	1,827	20,270	207	1,050	261	3,607
Females.....	956	13,185	26	210	-	-	128	2,754
New Brunswick.....	4,268	50,800	941	9,896	7	34	350	4,355
Males.....	3,426	40,087	903	9,684	7	34	234	2,885
Females.....	842	10,713	38	232	-	-	126	1,770
Quebec.....	31,922	421,270	4,367	52,428	215	1,799	2,052	32,609
Males.....	25,683	341,471	4,100	49,496	180	1,622	1,329	19,052
Females.....	6,339	79,799	267	2,932	35	177	723	13,557
Ontario.....	44,390	519,842	6,290	69,854	493	4,991	2,571	45,492
Males.....	33,993	404,519	5,810	64,801	371	3,671	1,901	32,884
Females.....	10,397	115,323	480	5,053	122	1,320	670	12,648
Manitoba.....	6,269	80,754	977	12,390	19	194	389	6,059
Males.....	4,828	62,470	910	11,583	8	50	288	4,376
Females.....	1,441	18,284	67	807	11	144	101	1,683
Saskatchewan.....	3,543	49,118	577	6,726	8	108	302	6,210
Males.....	2,736	36,987	549	6,477	8	108	196	3,865
Females.....	807	12,121	28	249	-	-	106	2,345
Alberta.....	4,299	56,734	1,188	14,163	40	300	327	5,064
Males.....	3,431	45,468	1,140	13,635	39	272	245	4,067
Females.....	868	11,266	48	528	1	28	82	1,657
British Columbia.....	9,258	124,968	3,189	41,566	232	1,808	468	7,374
Males.....	7,717	105,179	3,083	40,348	232	1,808	371	5,517
Females.....	1,541	19,819	106	1,220	-	-	97	1,857
Canada.....	112,647	1,406,190	19,416	227,877	1,222	10,293	6,911	115,250
Males.....	89,474	1,124,569	15,353	216,694	1,053	8,624	4,854	76,472
Females.....	23,173	281,601	1,063	11,253	169	1,669	2,057	39,778

Section 10.—Old Age Pensions.

The Old Age Pensions Act, 1927.—Legislation respecting Old Age Pensions (R.S.C., 1927, c. 156) was adopted by the Dominion Parliament in 1927. Under the provisions of this statute the Dominion Government reimbursed each province participating in the Dominion scheme to the extent of one-half of the provincial expenditure for old age pensions. An amendment passed at the 1931 session of Parliament (c. 42, Statutes of 1931) provided that the Dominion contribution to the provinces be increased from 50 p.c. to 75 p.c. of the provincial disbursements for old age pensions pursuant to a provincial statute authorizing and providing for the payment of such pensions to the persons and under the conditions specified in the Act and the Regulations made thereunder. Following the enactment of the amendment to the Dominion Act, the Dominion Old Age Pensions Regulations were revised and agreements negotiated with the provinces whereby the Dominion contribution of 75 p.c. of provincial disbursements was made effective from Nov. 1, 1931; the provinces have since been reimbursed on this basis.