

Operations of Employment Offices.—Statistics covering the work of the local offices are collected and tabulated by the Employment Service Branch of the Department of Labour. Table 19 shows the positions available, applications for work and placements effected by the Service in each year since 1920 for the Dominion, and for the years 1936 and 1937 by provinces. During 1937 there were 712,223 applications for employment, 418,388 vacancies and 389,536 placements recorded, as compared with 680,053 applications, 355,376 vacancies and 331,450 placements in 1936. About 29 p.c. of the total placements were of a casual nature, many of these being the result of work given on a rotation basis by municipalities and Provincial Governments on various relief schemes throughout the year to persons who, otherwise, would have been unemployed.

Reduced Railway Fares.—In order to facilitate the movement of labour in cases where there were not enough workers in any one locality to fill the available vacancies, the Employment Service, by special arrangement with nearly all the members of the Canadian Passenger Association, has been granted the privilege of issuing certificates which entitle the bearers to purchase railway tickets at the reduced rate of 2.5 cents per mile. This rate is for a second-class ticket and is applicable only to fares of not less than \$4. During 1937, 14,158 certificates were issued, 11,961 to persons proceeding to points within the same province as the dispatching office and 2,197 to workers going to points in other provinces. During 1936, 9,045 certificates for special rates were granted, 8,254 to persons travelling to employment within the same province as the dispatching office and 791 to persons for whom employment had been secured in other provinces.

19.—Applications for Employment, Positions Offered, and Placements Effected by the Employment Service of Canada, 1920-37, and by Provinces, 1936 and 1937.

NOTE.—Figures by provinces for the years 1920-25 will be found at p. 703 of the 1926 Year Book, for 1926-28 at p. 731 of the 1930 Year Book, for 1929-30 at p. 773 of the 1931 Year Book, for 1931-32 at p. 768 of the 1933 Year Book, for 1933 at p. 826 of the 1934-35 Year Book, and for 1934-35 at p. 767 of the 1936 Year Book.

Year and Province.	Applications Registered.		Vacancies Notified.		Placements Effected.	
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.
Totals, 1920	480,735	96,054	450,526	116,142	365,292	80,520
Totals, 1921	438,836	105,563	325,498	106,097	277,792	77,964
Totals, 1922	443,875	104,407	365,529	104,359	316,386	77,136
Totals, 1923	473,483	115,692	431,576	109,404	376,801	86,751
Totals, 1924	402,593	116,782	314,258	97,810	285,359	80,773
Totals, 1925	439,022	118,023	345,570	101,473	328,334	84,491
Totals, 1926	417,965	124,504	345,163	111,769	319,558	90,597
Totals, 1927	422,022	131,849	339,478	114,095	320,306	94,463
Totals, 1928	454,525	142,968	376,791	120,635	361,942	108,386
Totals, 1929	397,527	153,199	296,592	131,435	287,128	111,239
Totals, 1930	463,403	149,887	278,835	107,199	274,227	94,452
Totals, 1931	685,460	140,693	391,857	94,527	389,231	82,277
Totals, 1932	512,695	139,733	282,643	83,385	278,975	73,239
Totals, 1933	531,041	143,180	282,120	87,565	278,589	73,508
Totals, 1934	569,301	155,064	327,907	99,885	324,900	81,191
Totals, 1935	498,466	157,955	268,300	108,274	265,212	88,590
Totals, 1936	515,930	164,123	241,098	114,278	237,476	93,974
Totals, 1937	543,343	168,880	290,790	127,598	286,618	102,918
Nova Scotia..... 1936	7,494	4,761	6,850	3,707	6,758	3,303
..... 1937	9,581	5,687	9,248	4,916	9,149	4,428
New Brunswick..... 1936	4,056	5,146	3,491	5,103	3,438	5,063
..... 1937	4,963	5,636	4,386	5,601	4,344	5,589
Quebec..... 1936	69,581	46,436	34,950	36,448	34,792	25,527
..... 1937	104,349	45,867	45,268	43,670	45,826	28,513
Ontario..... 1936	247,581	69,234	93,765	39,401	91,885	32,649
..... 1937	239,539	68,836	115,290	43,000	110,090	36,379
Manitoba..... 1936	46,572	10,389	24,291	8,203	24,569	7,942
..... 1937	47,348	10,265	28,040	8,424	30,037	8,055
Saskatchewan..... 1936	30,271	9,319	29,740	9,553	28,485	8,186
..... 1937	23,660	10,079	21,160	8,954	20,204	7,751
Alberta..... 1936	48,317	8,509	22,007	5,705	21,633	5,203
..... 1937	47,703	9,409	22,422	5,486	22,073	4,727
British Columbia..... 1936	62,058	10,279	26,004	6,158	25,916	6,101
..... 1937	66,200	13,101	44,976	7,547	44,895	7,476