

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 1938, 6,167 certificates were issued, 5,631 to persons proceeding to points within the same province as the dispatching office and 536 to workers going to points in other provinces. During 1937, 14,158 certificates for special rates were granted, 11,961 to persons travelling to employment within the same province as the dispatching office and 2,197 to persons for whom employment had been secured in other provinces.

17.—Applications for Employment, Positions Offered, and Placements Effected by the Employment Service of Canada, 1930-38, and by Provinces, 1937 and 1938.

NOTE.—For figures by provinces from 1920 to 1936, see corresponding table of previous Year Books, commencing with the 1926 edition. Totals for the years 1920-29 are given at p. 766 of the 1938 edition.

| Year and Province. | Applications Registered. | | Vacancies Notified. | | Placements Effected. | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| | Men. | Women. | Men. | Women. | Men. | Women. |
| Totals, 1930 | 463,103 | 149,887 | 278,835 | 107,199 | 274,227 | 94,452 |
| Totals, 1931 | 685,460 | 140,693 | 391,857 | 94,527 | 380,231 | 82,277 |
| Totals, 1932 | 512,695 | 139,733 | 287,643 | 83,385 | 278,975 | 73,259 |
| Totals, 1933 | 531,011 | 143,180 | 282,120 | 87,565 | 278,589 | 73,568 |
| Totals, 1934 | 569,301 | 155,064 | 327,907 | 99,685 | 324,900 | 81,181 |
| Totals, 1935 | 498,466 | 157,935 | 285,300 | 108,274 | 265,212 | 88,590 |
| Totals, 1936 | 515,936 | 164,123 | 241,098 | 114,278 | 237,476 | 93,374 |
| Totals, 1937 | 543,343 | 168,580 | 290,780 | 127,598 | 286,618 | 102,318 |
| Totals, 1938 | 584,787 | 197,937 | 276,851 | 124,306 | 275,338 | 106,967 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 1937 9,581 | 5,687 | 9,248 | 4,916 | 9,149 | 4,428 |
| | 1938 9,869 | 7,301 | 8,358 | 5,816 | 8,329 | 5,452 |
| New Brunswick..... | 1937 4,963 | 5,636 | 4,386 | 5,601 | 4,344 | 5,589 |
| | 1938 6,855 | 5,765 | 6,238 | 5,697 | 6,229 | 5,097 |
| Quebec..... | 1937 104,349 | 45,867 | 45,268 | 43,670 | 45,826 | 28,513 |
| | 1938 127,745 | 53,817 | 59,649 | 42,060 | 59,713 | 29,587 |
| Ontario..... | 1937 239,539 | 68,536 | 115,290 | 43,000 | 110,090 | 36,379 |
| | 1938 222,446 | 74,972 | 80,596 | 35,438 | 79,456 | 33,254 |
| Manitoba..... | 1937 47,348 | 10,265 | 28,040 | 8,424 | 30,037 | 8,056 |
| | 1938 54,670 | 15,692 | 31,653 | 10,644 | 31,948 | 10,276 |
| Saskatchewan..... | 1937 23,660 | 10,079 | 21,160 | 8,954 | 20,204 | 7,751 |
| | 1938 37,380 | 14,309 | 26,442 | 11,340 | 25,954 | 10,442 |
| Alberta..... | 1937 47,703 | 9,409 | 22,422 | 5,486 | 22,073 | 4,727 |
| | 1938 47,220 | 11,359 | 21,807 | 6,992 | 21,647 | 5,869 |
| British Columbia..... | 1937 66,200 | 13,101 | 44,976 | 7,547 | 44,895 | 7,476 |
| | 1938 78,542 | 14,922 | 42,106 | 6,463 | 42,062 | 6,380 |

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 about 1,850 local trade unions, having an aggregate membership of approximately 225,000 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 9 years, by provinces. The maximum of unemployment in