

Service were permanently located at 80 centres, distributed as follows: Nova Scotia, 4; New Brunswick, 3; Quebec, 13; Ontario, 34; Manitoba, 4; Saskatchewan, 9; Alberta, 5; and British Columbia, 8.

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. (See Table 4.) During the year 1940 placements were higher than in any previous year since employment offices were established under the Employment Offices Co-ordination Act. The increase was due mainly to the large number of workers placed on National Defence construction projects during the latter part of the year, and the increased demand from industrial establishments engaged on contracts for war supplies.

Reduced Railway Fares.—In order to facilitate the movement of labour in cases where there are 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 that entitle the bearers to purchase railway tickets at the reduced rate of 2.5 cents per mile. This rate is for second-class accommodation and is applicable only to fares of not less than \$4. During 1940, 9,859 certificates were issued: 7,950 to persons proceeding to points within the same province as the dispatching office, and 1,909 to workers going to points in other provinces. During 1939, 7,203 certificates for special rates were granted: 6,407 to persons travelling to employment within the same province as the dispatching office, and 796 to persons for whom employment had been secured in other provinces.

4.—Applications for Employment, Positions Offered, and Placements Effected by the Employment Service of Canada, 1931-40, and by Provinces, 1939 and 1940

NOTE.—For figures by provinces from 1920 to 1938, see corresponding table of previous Year Books, commencing with the 1926 edition. Totals for the years 1920-30 are given at p. 766 of the 1938 edition.

Year and Province	Applications Registered		Vacancies Notified		Placements Effected	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
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	99,835	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
Totals, 1938.....	584,727	197,937	276,851	124,390	275,338	106,957
Totals, 1939.....	579,645	208,327	271,654	130,739	270,020	114,862
Totals, 1940.....	653,445	235,150	344,921	166,955	336,507	138,599
Nova Scotia..... 1939	9,925	7,943	7,893	6,843	7,876	6,512
..... 1940	27,587	11,640	23,475	10,910	23,363	10,116
New Brunswick..... 1939	8,387	6,546	8,006	5,923	8,006	5,910
..... 1940	9,226	7,389	8,991	6,950	8,951	6,835
Quebec..... 1939	131,891	61,225	43,586	46,162	43,166	34,608
..... 1940	189,233	73,454	84,076	66,580	82,169	45,951
Ontario..... 1939	239,613	82,585	104,158	38,207	102,600	36,592
..... 1940	255,838	90,767	140,233	45,797	132,902	42,029
Manitoba..... 1939	51,806	12,915	30,658	10,183	31,494	9,947
..... 1940	46,199	14,010	22,072	9,601	23,450	9,382
Saskatchewan..... 1939	24,026	9,552	20,459	8,225	20,062	7,405
..... 1940	25,775	8,944	15,247	8,039	15,027	7,234
Alberta..... 1939	40,177	12,054	18,659	7,236	18,636	6,957
..... 1940	38,548	11,488	22,501	8,591	22,445	6,714
British Columbia..... 1939	73,820	15,507	38,235	7,960	38,180	7,931
..... 1940	61,039	17,458	28,326	10,487	28,200	10,338

The Employment Service Under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1940.—Sect. 88 of the Act, (see p. 665), provides that the Unemployment Insurance Commission "shall organize and maintain an employment service for Canada".