

5.—Percentages of Unemployment in Trade Unions, by Provinces, Half-Yearly, 1931-43 and Quarterly, 1944—concluded

Year and Month	Nova Scotia and P.E.I.	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Canada
June.....1936	6.7	7.8	19.0	13.3	8.4	6.4	17.2	10.5	13.9
December.....1936	6.8	6.2	20.9	13.8	10.9	12.8	6.4	12.7	14.3
June.....1937	5.9	4.7	15.3	7.6	5.7	7.2	16.6	8.0	10.4
December.....1937	3.3	4.6	16.5	12.9	16.8	10.6	6.7	15.8	13.0
June.....1938	3.6	14.8	17.1	12.4	12.5	9.7	17.8	14.3	13.5
December.....1938	8.4	9.8	21.2	14.5	21.4	11.8	9.5	17.3	16.2
June.....1939	6.3	8.9	15.0	9.7	10.2	6.6	18.2	9.7	11.6
December.....1939	5.3	4.3	16.1	9.7	12.0	10.2	4.9	12.4	11.4
June.....1940	2.4	3.7	12.2	4.9	3.9	3.4	14.6	7.7	7.6
December.....1940	2.6	2.3	11.1	5.9	6.6	6.7	4.8	9.0	7.4
June.....1941	2.0	1.9	6.2	2.0	4.3	1.8	11.5	3.8	4.1
December.....1941	1.0	2.1	5.7	6.0	6.2	4.2	3.8	5.3	5.2
June.....1942	1.3	4.7	4.6	1.6	1.1	0.9	2.6	0.9	2.5
December.....1942	0.3	2.4	1.6	1.0	2.6	1.1	1.7	0.6	1.2
June.....1943	0.3	1.1	1.0	0.4	0.6	0.6	1.1	0.1	0.6
December.....1943	2.9	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.8
March.....1944	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.4	0.7	0.9
June.....1944	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3
September.....1944	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.3
December.....1944	0.0	0.2	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6

Section 4.—Unemployment Insurance*

Unemployment insurance, which came into operation on July 1, 1941, applies to all employed persons with the following exceptions: workers in specified industries or occupations such as agriculture, forestry, fishing, lumbering and logging, transportation by air or water, stevedoring, private domestic service and workers on a contractual basis greater than a week, e.g., monthly or semi-monthly, who earn more than \$2,400 per year (and, except by consent of the Commission, employment in a hospital or charitable institution not carried on for gain). Formerly, no person who received more than \$2,000 per year was covered, but by an amendment effective Sept. 1, 1943, all employees paid on a contractual basis of an hourly, daily, weekly or piece rate (including a mileage rate) are now included in insurable employment regardless of the amount of their earnings, together with all other employees who receive \$2,400 or less per year. This amendment also extends the coverage with regard to public utilities, and makes possible the inclusion of employees of hospitals and charitable institutions.

Unemployment Insurance Fund.—Employers and employees contribute amounts that will bring approximately equal totals from each group. A grant amounting to one-fifth of these contributions is added by the Dominion Government, which also assumes the cost of administration. From July 1, 1941, to Mar. 31, 1944, employers and employees paid \$155,593,007 into the Fund and the Dominion added \$31,118,801. Reserves of the Fund have been invested in Dominion of Canada bonds and at the end of the fiscal year Mar. 31, 1944, the par value of these investments amounted to \$178,108,000. The accrued interest was \$1,913,786.

* A more complete account of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1940, and of the administrative machinery set up by it appears in the 1941 Year Book at pp. 665-667 and in the 1942 Year Book at pp. 686-691.