

Benefit first became payable on Jan. 27, 1942, and from that date to Mar. 31, 1944, of the 98,274 claims filed at local offices, 93,041 were forwarded to the regional and district offices for adjudication and 45,287 persons were paid benefit, 251,993 benefit cheques were issued and \$2,465,432 was paid out of the Fund.

Contributions and Benefit.—The rates of contribution and benefit are indicated in the following statement.

No benefit is payable during the first nine days of unemployment in a benefit year. After that time, the duration of benefit is related to the employment and contribution history of the employee, the number of days' benefit being equal to one-fifth the number of contribution days during the previous five years, less one-third the number of benefit days in the previous three years. Insurance benefit is paid as a right on fulfilment of four statutory conditions:—

- (1) The payment of not less than 30 weekly (or 180 daily) contributions within two years, while in insured employment.
- (2) Proper presentation of the claim, and proof of unemployment.
- (3) Evidence that the contributor is capable of, and available for work, but unable to obtain suitable employment.
- (4) Proof that the contributor has not refused to attend a course of instruction or training if directed to do so.

Disqualifications for benefit include: loss of work due to a labour dispute in which the contributor is participating or directly interested; unwillingness to accept suitable employment; being an inmate of any prison or an institution supported out of public funds; the earning of less than 90 cents per day while in employment. Disqualification of a claimant for a period not exceeding six weeks may be made if an employee is discharged by reason of his own misconduct, or leaves his employment voluntarily without just cause.

WEEKLY RATES OF CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFIT UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

Class	Earnings in a Week	Weekly Contributions ¹		Denom-ination of Stamp ²	Weekly Benefits ³	
		By Employee	By Employer		Single Person	Person With One or More Dependants
0	Less than 90 cents daily (or under 16 years of age).....	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
		4	0.27	0.27	4	4
1	\$ 5.40 to \$ 7.49.....	0.12	0.21	0.33	4.08	4.80
2	\$ 7.50 to \$ 9.59.....	0.15	0.25	0.40	5.10	6.00
3	\$ 9.60 to \$11.99.....	0.18	0.25	0.43	6.12	7.20
4	\$12.00 to \$14.99.....	0.21	0.25	0.46	7.14	8.40
5	\$15.00 to \$19.99.....	0.24	0.27	0.51	8.16	9.60
6	\$20.00 to \$25.99.....	0.30	0.27	0.57	10.20	12.00
7	\$26.00 or more.....	0.36	0.27	0.63	12.24	14.40

¹ The daily rate of contribution in respect of each class is one-sixth of the weekly rates. ² Unemployment insurance stamps combine both employer and employee contributions. ³ Rates calculated on assumption that the person is in the same class for two years. Daily or weekly benefit for an insured person without dependants is 34 times his average daily or weekly contributions, and 40 times the average employee contribution for married persons mainly or wholly maintaining one or more dependants. ⁴ Workers in this class make no contributions and are not eligible for benefit. They may, however, accumulate benefit rights on the basis of employer contributions.