

28.—Standard or Normal Hours of Labour per Week in Certain Cities, 1951 and 1952

| Industry | Halifax | Montreal | Toronto | Winnipeg | Vancouver |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|----------|-----------|
| | hrs. | hrs. | hrs. | hrs. | hrs. |
| Construction— | | | | | |
| Trades.....1951 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
|1952 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| Labourer.....1951 | 48 | 50 | 48 | 48 | 40 |
|1952 | 48 | 50 | 45 | 48 | 40 |
| Transportation— | | | | | |
| Electric street-railway.....1951 | 44 | 48 | 40 | 44 | 44 |
|1952 | 44 | 48 | 40 | 48 | 40 |
| Printing and Publishing..... | | | | | |
|1951 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 37½ |
|1952 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 37½ |

Section 5.—Unemployment Insurance

The Unemployment Insurance Act, 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, fishing, Armed Forces, permanent public service of the Federal Government, provincial governments and municipal authorities, private domestic service, private-duty nursing; certain director-officers of corporations; workers on other than hourly, daily or piece rates if earning more than \$4,800 per year and (except by consent of the Unemployment Insurance Commission) employees in a hospital or charitable institution not carried on for gain. All employees paid by the hour, day or on piece rate (including a mileage rate) are insured regardless of amount of earnings, together with all employees who receive \$4,800 or less per annum under weekly, monthly or yearly rates.

Unemployment Insurance Fund.—Employers and employees contribute to the Fund, the total paid by each group being equal. The Federal Government contributes an amount equal normally to one-fifth of the combined employer-employee contributions, reimburses the fund for certain types of supplementary benefit payments and assumes the cost of administration. From July 1, 1941, to Mar. 31, 1952, employers and employees contributed \$927,418,439 to the Fund and the Federal Government added \$187,318,241. Interest and profit on sale of securities amounted to \$96,667,148 and fines of \$109,541 made a total revenue of \$1,211,513,369.

Benefits first became payable on Jan. 27, 1942, and from that date to Mar. 31, 1952, total benefit payments amounted to \$433,314,017, leaving a balance of \$778,199,352 in the Fund. Reserves of the Fund are invested in Government of Canada bonds and, as at Mar. 31, 1952, the par value of bonds held amounted to \$767,611,500.