

Table 32 gives the provincial distribution of persons establishing seasonal benefit periods in 1956 and 1957, average weeks paid and average benefits paid. Prince Edward Island claimants averaged the longest duration of paid seasonal benefit in both years, while Newfoundland claimants averaged the highest paid benefit. The average duration of paid seasonal benefit in 1956 was 7.95 weeks and in 1957, 7.08 weeks; the average benefit in 1956 amounted to \$148.93 and in 1957 to \$141.86.

32.—Persons Establishing Seasonal Benefit Periods, Duration of Benefit and Amount Paid, by Province, 1956 and 1957

Province	1956 ¹			1957 ²		
	Persons Estab- lishing Benefit Periods	Average Weeks Paid	Average Amount Paid	Persons Estab- lishing Benefit Periods	Average Weeks Paid	Average Amount Paid
	No.	No.	\$	No.	No.	\$
Newfoundland.....	12,108	9.04	189.47	11,728	7.78	175.35
Prince Edward Island.....	2,384	9.85	164.82	2,460	7.88	136.74
Nova Scotia.....	12,976	8.45	153.64	10,284	7.65	140.02
New Brunswick.....	17,140	8.41	157.22	15,316	7.71	150.98
Quebec.....	89,288	7.93	150.34	69,828	6.98	140.71
Ontario.....	65,512	7.48	135.93	53,696	6.92	135.13
Manitoba.....	12,944	8.66	156.61	9,644	7.58	149.06
Saskatchewan.....	9,576	9.03	173.89	7,712	7.26	150.53
Alberta.....	11,728	7.48	143.95	8,540	6.31	135.07
British Columbia.....	22,040	7.33	135.89	19,576	6.62	134.79
Totals.....	255,696	7.95	148.93	208,784	7.08	141.86

¹ Jan. 1 to Apr. 21.

² Jan. 1 to Apr. 20.

Employment Service.—The Unemployment Insurance Commission operates a free employment service under authority of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1940. The public employment offices, which had functioned under a joint federal-provincial arrangement for more than two decades, were taken over by the Commission on Aug. 1, 1941, and additional offices were established in all provinces except Quebec. The Commission established its own offices in Quebec and the Provincial Government thereupon reduced the number of its offices.

33.—Applications for Employment, Positions Offered and Placements Effected by Employment Offices 1948-57, and by Province, 1956 and 1957

NOTE.—Figures by provinces from 1920-55 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1926 edition. Totals for 1920-37 are given in the 1938 edition, p. 766; for 1938 in the 1939 edition, p. 802; and for 1939-47 in the 1951 edition, p. 686.

Year and Province	Applications Registered		Vacancies Notified		Placements Effected	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1948.....	1,197,295	459,332	794,207	391,385	497,916	214,424
1949.....	1,295,690	494,956	652,853	373,837	464,363	219,816
1950.....	1,500,763	575,813	800,611	363,711	559,882	230,920
1951.....	1,541,208	623,467	943,773	387,795	655,933	262,305
1952.....	1,781,689	664,485	865,152	444,926	677,777	302,730
1953.....	1,980,918	754,358	822,852	466,310	661,167	332,239
1954.....	2,129,110	840,877	655,029	423,291	545,452	316,136
1955.....	2,161,081	829,741	797,917	435,055	642,726	310,850
1956.....	2,182,904	809,277	986,653	438,967	748,464	298,515
1957.....	2,714,759	938,704	720,798	398,740	586,780	290,924
Newfoundland.....						
1956	50,084	3,621	6,724	1,081	4,935	597
1957	65,575	4,271	5,930	893	3,494	557