

payment of benefits to unemployed insured persons. The Act is administered by a Commission of three persons appointed by the Governor in Council of whom one is the Chief Commissioner. One Commissioner, other than the Chief Commissioner, is appointed after consultation with employer organizations, and the other after consultation with employee organizations.

The Unemployment Insurance Act applies to all persons employed under a contract of service, except the following: employment in specified industries or occupations such as agriculture, horticulture and forestry (effective Jan. 1, 1956, coverage was also extended to certain employments in these three industries); the Canadian Armed Forces; the permanent public service of the Federal Government; provincial government employees except where insured with the concurrence of the government of the province; certified permanent employees of municipal or public authorities; private domestic service; private-duty nursing; teaching; certain director-officers of corporations; workers on other than an hourly, daily or piece rate, earning more than \$4,800 a year, unless they elect to continue as insured persons; employees in a charitable institution or in a hospital not carried on for purpose of gain except where the institution or hospital consents to insure certain groups or classes of persons with the concurrence of the Commission. All persons paid by the hour, day, or at a piece rate (including a mileage rate) are insured regardless of amount of earnings, together with all employees who receive \$4,800 or less at weekly, monthly, yearly or commission rates.

Unemployment Insurance Fund.—Employers and employees contribute to the Unemployment Insurance Fund, the amounts paid by each group being equal. The Federal Government contributes an amount equal to one-fifth of the combined employer-employee contributions and assumes the cost of administration. From July 1, 1941 to Mar. 31, 1957 employers and employees contributed \$1,950,260,488 to the Fund and the Federal Government added \$390,053,679. Interest and profit on the sale of securities amounting to \$246,910,437 and fines of \$340,830 made a total revenue of \$2,587,565,435.

Benefits first became payable on Jan. 27, 1942, and from that date to Mar. 31, 1957 total benefit payments amounted to \$1,843,365,310, leaving a balance of \$744,200,125 in the Fund. Revenues of the Fund are invested in Government of Canada and Canadian National Railway bonds with a par value of \$743,551,500 as at Mar. 31, 1958.

WEEKLY RATES OF CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFIT UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT, EFFECTIVE OCT. 2, 1955

Range of Earnings	Weekly Contributions ¹		Value of Weekly Stamp ²	Range of Average Weekly Contributions	Weekly Rate of Benefit ³	
	Employer	Employee			Person Without Dependant	Person With Dependant
	cts.	cts.	cts.	cts.	\$	\$
Less than \$ 9.00 ⁴	8	8	16	Less than 20.....	6	8
\$ 9.00 to \$14.99.....	16	16	32	20 and under 27.....	9	12
\$15.00 to \$20.99.....	24	24	48	27 " " 33.....	11	15
\$21.00 to \$26.99.....	30	30	60	33 " " 39.....	13	18
\$27.00 to \$32.99.....	36	36	72	39 " " 45.....	15	21
\$33.00 to \$38.99.....	42	42	84	45 " " 50.....	17	24
\$39.00 to \$44.99.....	48	48	96	50 " " 54.....	19	26
\$45.00 to \$50.99.....	52	52	1.04	54 " " 58.....	21	28
\$51.00 to \$56.99.....	56	56	1.12	58 to 60.....	23	30
\$57.00 or over.....	60	60	1.20			

¹ The weekly contribution is based on actual earnings in the week irrespective of the number of days in which the earnings are obtained.

² Unemployment insurance stamps combine both employer and employee contributions.

³ Regular benefit rates calculated on the average weekly contributions for the last 30 weeks in the 104 weeks preceding claim. Since Oct. 2, 1955, a claimant, to justify for benefit, must have at least 30 weekly contributions in the last 104 weeks prior to claim; eight weekly contributions since the start of the last preceding regular benefit period or in the last year prior to claim, whichever is the shorter period; and 24 weekly contributions since the start of the last preceding benefit period, or in the year prior to the claim, whichever is the longer period.

⁴ Employees earning less than \$9 in a week receive one-half of a 32-cent stamp (8 cents from the employer and 8 cents from the employee).