

*Benefit.*—The duration of regular benefit is related to the contribution history—one week's benefit for every two weeks' contributions in the past 104 weeks with a maximum of 52 weeks. However, contributions more than one year old cannot be used if they have already been taken into account in computing previous rights. Disqualifications for benefit include: loss of work owing 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 any institution supported out of public funds; refusal to attend a course of instruction or training if directed to do so; residence outside Canada unless otherwise prescribed. Disqualification of a claimant for a period not exceeding six weeks may be imposed if an employee is discharged by reason of his own misconduct or leaves the employment voluntarily without just cause or refuses suitable employment.\*

Table 20 distributes by province regular benefit periods terminated, average weeks paid and average dollar benefit paid on these terminations. A claimant establishes a *regular benefit period* when he submits his claim in the prescribed manner and proves he has fulfilled the minimum contribution requirements. The duration of benefit and the weekly rate authorized, comprising total entitlement, are then calculated and the claimant's benefit may be drawn upon during successive intervals of unemployment. His benefit period terminates either when he has exhausted the amount authorized or when 12 months have elapsed since he established, whichever comes first.

\* This list should not be considered as exhaustive; more detail may be obtained from the Unemployment Insurance Act and Regulations.

**20.—Regular Benefit Periods Terminated, Duration and Average Amount of Benefit Paid, by Province, 1962 and 1963**

NOTE.—Based on a 20-p.c. sample.

Province	1962			1963		
	Benefit Periods Terminated	Average Weeks Paid on Termination	Average Amount Paid on Termination	Benefit Periods Terminated	Average Weeks Paid on Termination	Average Amount Paid on Termination
	No.	No.	\$	No.	No.	\$
Newfoundland.....	23,120	15.1	398	25,410	14.8	390
Prince Edward Island.....	4,070	15.4	334	4,670	15.1	329
Nova Scotia.....	43,785	13.8	336	41,815	13.6	325
New Brunswick.....	34,620	14.5	342	36,385	14.4	340
Quebec.....	289,110	13.1	328	291,405	12.8	328
Ontario.....	318,230	12.2	308	313,700	11.8	298
Manitoba.....	47,015	14.0	354	38,470	14.0	346
Saskatchewan.....	24,385	14.7	366	25,000	14.4	361
Alberta.....	43,415	13.4	341	52,675	12.7	331
British Columbia.....	100,770	12.9	339	94,215	12.5	327
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>928,520</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>923,745</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>322</b>