

## Section 5.—Unemployment Insurance

The Unemployment Insurance Act, which came into operation on July 1, 1941, applies to all employed persons except the following: 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, 1954, employers and employees contributed \$1,241,276,310 to the Fund and the Federal Government added \$248,262,044. Interest and profit on sale of securities amounted to \$145,712,389, and fines of \$182,460 made a total revenue of \$1,635,433,203.

Benefits first became payable on Jan. 27, 1942, and from that date to Mar. 31, 1954, total benefit payments amounted to \$754,159,070, leaving a balance of \$881,274,133 in the Fund. Reserves of the Fund are invested in Government of Canada bonds and, as at Mar. 31, 1954, the par value of bonds held amounted to \$880,424,000.

WEEKLY RATES OF CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFIT UNDER THE  
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

Earnings	Weekly Contributions <sup>1</sup>		Value of Weekly Stamp <sup>2</sup>	Weekly Benefits <sup>3</sup>	
	By Employee	By Employer		Single Person	Person With One Dependand or More
	cts.	cts.	cts.	\$	\$
Less than \$9.00.....	18	18	36	4.20	4.80
\$ 9.00 to \$14.99.....	24	24	48	6.00	7.50
\$15.00 to \$20.99.....	30	30	60	8.70	12.00
\$21.00 to \$26.99.....	36	36	72	10.80	15.00
\$27.00 to \$33.99.....	42	42	84	12.90	18.00
\$34.00 to \$47.99.....	48	48	96	15.00	21.00
\$48.00 or more.....	54	54	108	17.10	24.00

<sup>1</sup> The daily rates of contribution in respect of each class is one-sixth of the weekly rates. <sup>2</sup> Unemployment insurance stamps combine both employer and employee contributions. <sup>3</sup> Rates calculated on the average daily contribution for the last 180 days in the two years preceding claim. The daily rate of benefit is one-sixth of the weekly benefit rate.