

## Heavy Population Growth Effects Unemployment Rate

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OTTAWA (CP) — Unemployment is a key issue in the federal general election campaign.

The number of Canadian jobless is the highest since the late depression year of 1933. Political parties blame one another in various ways.

The Progressive Conservatives say the Liberals did nothing to stem an evident trend toward higher unemployment while they were in office up to last June 10. The Liberals say the Conservatives acted too slowly last fall as unemployment climbed.

The CCF says both old parties are wedded to an unplanned economy which periodic large-scale unemployment is part.

Social Credit contends the Conservatives abandoned parliamentary efforts to solve the problem when they could not find the answer, but says the situation is not of the new government's making.

Part of the unemployment is attributable to Canada's customary cold-weather shrinkage in the number of seasonal jobs, but this year the shrinkage has increased above normal.

The latest government estimate of persons without jobs and seeking work is 520,000, at mid-January. Another 50,000 had jobs then but had been on temporary layoff for a full week.

The 520,000 estimate was made by the bureau of statistics on the basis of its monthly sample survey of 30,000 households. Another set of government figures shows that at mid-January 816,982 persons were registered for work at the labor department's national employment service offices.

**MAY DROP IN MARCH**  
If the pattern of previous years holds, these figures may be expected to go up until about mid-March and then start dropping.

The 520,000 figure compares with a post-war high of 401,000 in March, 1955; with 523,000 in 1939; and with a depression peak total of 817,000 in 1933, all estimated by the bureau of statistics.

The January figure means that 8.8 per cent of Canada's labor force was out of work. For the previous post-war high in 1955, the percentage was 7.6. It was 11 per cent in 1939 and 19 per cent in the deep depression of 1933.

Heavy population growth since the war has affected the percentage of the jobless. During the depression years, the population was between 10,000,000 and 11,000,000. It now is about 16,500,000.

The mid-January figure of 520,000 unemployed compares with that represented 5.5 per cent of 303,000 in January, 1957, a figure the labor force.

The labor force for January this year was 5,891,000, compared with 5,696,000 a year earlier.

**DUE BEFORE ELECTION**  
The next unemployment report figures for mid-February is due between March 17 and 19, about a fortnight before the March 31 election.

The January figure of 816,982 registered at the employment service for jobs compares with 526,058 a year earlier and 570,674 last December. It is the highest since the employment service was set up in 1940.

These NES statistics do not reflect absolute unemployment. They represent a count of applications on hand at employment service offices on a given day. The government says the count excludes persons known to have one job and to be looking for another, and that measures are also taken to exclude as far as possible persons who have obtained work on their own after registering.

But the figures do include some who have found work, who want to change employment or who have left the labor force.

On the other hand, not all persons looking for work register with the labor department agency.

**ESTIMATING DIFFICULT**  
The statistics bureau says its estimate of actual jobless is subject to sampling error and also to difficulties in classifying such individuals as elderly people, married women and those with physical handicaps.

The jobless estimate includes people who would have been looking for work if they had not been ill, and those on prolonged or indefinite layoffs. It does not include those laid off with instructions to return to work within 30 days and this group makes up the 50,000 listed by the bureau as on layoff, outside the 520,000 jobless.

The bureau's mid-January figure for persons with jobs was 5,371,000, compared with 5,398,000 a year earlier and with the post-war high of 5,597,000 last August, when the number of unemployed was estimated at 174,000.

The 5,371,000 is subdivided into 4,626,000, or 78.5 per cent of the labor force, who worked 35 hours or more during the survey week; 552,000 or 9.4 per cent who worked less than 35 hours, and 193,000 or 3.3 per cent who had jobs but did not work during the week for reasons such as illness, vacations and temporary layoff.

**REMEDIAL MEASURES**  
Each of the four chief political parties offers measures to combat unemployment.

The Progressive Conservatives under Prime Minister Diefenbaker say they are acting in this direction by cutting taxes, reducing loan interest rates, releasing \$300,000,000 in housing loan funds, raising old age pensions, extending seasonal unemployment benefits by two months and stepping up public works programs. They say 250,000 jobs will be made available through public works and easier home-building money.

The Liberals, whose leader, L. B. Pearson, declares unemployment is the basic election issue, say the way to reduce it is by heavy tax cuts to increase consumer spending. They promise \$400,000,000 more in tax reductions. This is on the theory of deficit budgeting during a recession to pep up the economy. Mr. Pearson says public works are worthwhile but would not create jobs fast enough.

The Liberal leader says the Conservatives cannot be blamed for all the unemployment but were complacent last fall when they should have launched a bold attack. Replying to that, Labor Minister Starr says unemployment would be at least double what it is had not the Conservatives put the brakes on the Lib-

eral's program of "unrestricted" immigration and eased the former administration's "tight-money" interest policy.

**BIG INFUX**  
Canada last year admitted 232,164 immigrants, highest since 400,000 entered in 1913.

The CCF party says both Progressive Conservatives and Liberals are ignoring economic facts.

"Nothing less than a fundamental reorganization of the economy, nothing less than a program of social and economic planning through public agencies, democratically controlled through Parliament, will suffice to deal with the situation," Leader M. J. Coldwell has stated.

The Social Credit party favors both public works and reduced taxes, but also has brought forward again its policy of social dividends from the treasury as a stimulus to the economy.

It suggests immediate bonus or dividend payments to old age pensioners, needy families and the blind as a means of making available more spending power to stimulate business quickly.

**ALBERTON C.W.L.**  
The monthly meeting of the Alberton Sub-division of the C.W.L. was held on March 3rd at the home of Mrs. Everett Shea. The meeting opened with prayer by the president, Mrs. Joseph Callaghan. Due to storm and bad roads no meeting was held in February.

In the absence of the Secretary Mrs. Gerald Rooney read the minutes of previous meeting which were adopted as read. The treasurer, Mrs. Everett Shea, read the financial statement which showed a considerable bank balance. All outstanding bills were voted to be paid.

A note of appreciation and thanks to all the members who

her recent bereavement, was read from Mrs. M. M. Foley. The following letters were read and dealt with as follows: One from diocesan spiritual convener: one from Fr. Walsh, re Sacred Heart. Program for which \$5 was voted; One from Our Lady's Missions for which \$10 was voted; and \$1 to be sent in payment for the C.W.L. annual report.

The Annual Red Cross report was discussed. A letter from Mrs. Basil McDonald, diocesan convener of education, will be read at the next meeting.

Place of next meeting is undecided. Lunch committee will be Mrs. John Barrett, Mrs. Merritt Callaghan and Mrs. Lemuel Arsenault.

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We have an opening in our office in Summerside for another girl. She may be a clerk, typist, bookkeeper or stenographer, and the salary and position will depend upon her qualifications. This is a permanent position and she will be eligible for our welfare plan benefits. Apply in your hand writing stating age, education, previous experience, two references, salary expected and a phone number where you may be contacted for an interview. P. O. Box 1390, M. F. Schurman Co. Ltd., Summerside, P.E.I.

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**ATTENTION HEAR AND MEET MR. HEATH MACQUARRIE**  
A pre-election rally of Queens County Young Progressive Conservatives will be held at the Community Centre, Charlottetown, on Saturday, March 22 at 8:15 p.m.  
The Young Progressive Conservative Association members will hold a forum which will be of vital interest to all young people.  
Professional entertainment Buffet Lunch  
Free Admission Dancing  
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**"RED-HEADED PAT"**  
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Adjournment was moved by being served by the hostess as Mrs. Olive Gallant. A social hour consisted by the committee in followed with a delicious lunch charge.

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MOLASSES	3 qts.	97¢
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## Women Are Disappointed With New Estates Tax Bill

Council of Women Tuesday urged its members to tell election candidates they are disappointed in a new estate tax bill introduced at the last federal Parliament.

The council for several years now has urged the government to provide an exemption from succession duties of \$50,000 for all estates. A letter to council members said this was not provided in bill introduced in Jan. and now being circulated for comment among interested groups.

The government has said it will consider the comments on the bill before asking Parliament to make it law.

The legislation provides that all estates valued at \$50,000 or less will be exempt from succession duties.

**SOURIS C.W.L.**  
The regular meeting of the Souris sub-division of the Souris C.W.L. was held in the parish hall on Tuesday, March 11th at 8 p.m. The president, Mrs. J. J. McDonald, presided and opened the meeting with the league prayer. The Director, Rev. Monsignor J. A. Murphy was present and a large attendance of members.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed by the president. The treasurer Mrs. Joseph Campbell gave a satisfying report of the financial standing.

Reports were given by the following conveners: Spiritual, Mrs. Joseph Campbell, Child Welfare and Girl Guides, Mrs. Artemas Paquet, Press, Mrs. St. Clair Paquet.

The following correspondence was received and read by the secretary: Miss Katherine Sheridan, re annual report, Mrs. Basil McDonald, provincial convener of education, re Education Week, Mrs. Allan McDonald, finance convener, re annual art drawing, Mrs. J. A. MacDonald, spiritual convener, Mrs. Anthony Doucette, provincial convener of national scholarship.

Mrs. J. E. Fleming, provincial convener of social action, Child Welfare and Nutrition, Dorothy Cullen, re group membership in the P.E. Island Drama Festival, and William Hayward, Provincial chairman of Red Cross society.

The Father and Son banquet, to which the C.W.L. catered, was a decided success, and the weekly Bingo game are proving a worthwhile project.

Monies voted included payment of Brownie uniform, annual report books, laundering of hall tag-tecloths and donation to Music Festival.