

## See Brakes On Increase In Unemployment In Canada

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OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian un-employment hit another post-war peak of 555,000 in mid-February, but the brakes were on the rate of increase. Federal government figures showed Tuesday that, while the estimate of jobless persons seek-

ing work jumped by 134,000 between mid-December and mid-January, the rise between January and February was a relatively-small 35,000.

This is fairly close to the customary seasonal increase for that period of the winter. It was 20,000 last year. The December-January increase last winter was 117,000.

The jobless figures compare with the previous post-war high of 401,000 in March of the recession year of 1955 and with 323,000 in February, 1957.

**DOWN IN FEBRUARY**

Total estimated employment in February of this year slipped by 57,000 to 5,314,000 from 5,371,000 in January. The February figure was down by 48,000 from a year earlier.

The January-February drop in employment last year was 21,000. The employment and unemployment figures are based on a monthly sampling of 30,000 house-

holds by the bureau of statistics, covering the week ended Feb. 15. Besides straight unemployment, the bureau also reported that 36,000 persons with jobs were under temporary layoff for that full week. This compared with 50,000 in mid-January and 25,000 for February, 1957.

With the unemployment estimate, the government announced that at Feb. 13 there were 854,257 persons registered for work with National Employment Service.

This figure is the highest since the service was created in 1940. The employment service figures do not represent absolute unemployment. They inevitably contain an unknown percentage of those seeking to change from one job to another, or who have found work after registering.

Job registrations were up from January of all regions except British Columbia, where they fell by 1,720 to 99,502.

Figures for other regions were

those for January, 1958, and February, 1957, bracketed:  
Atlantic, 131,134 (121,557-89,839); Quebec, 260,617 (251,840-176,846); Ontario, 245,353 (233,727-333); Prairies, 115,654 (108,636-78,101).

Commenting on the unemployment situation, president Claude Jodoin of the 1,000,000 member Canadian Labor Congress described the 555,000 figure as a "modest estimate."

Speaking generally of January-to-February changes, the govern-

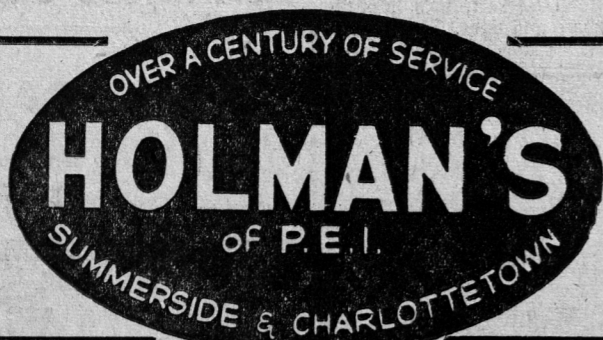
## Sees PC Trade Plan Causing Rift With U.S.

MONTREAL (CP)—Hon. Lionel Chevrier, Liberal candidate in Montreal Laurier, says the Progressive Conservative plan to divert trade to Britain is causing a "serious rift" in relations with the United States.

Opening his campaign Monday night in his own constituency, he

said Canada's trade policy could be seriously affected by the Conservative move.

"The U.S. Congress now is considering a substantial reduction in its uranium imports from our country," he said. "The former transport minister criticized what he described as the 'hostile' attitude of the Progressive Conservatives toward Quebec. He said statements were made by Conservatives that Quebec was not needed to form a government."



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