

# Unemployment At All-time High

OTTAWA, (CP) — The number of job applications in national employment offices across the country rose to an all-time high of 523,603 on Jan. 21, the labor department reported today.

This is an increase of 185,342 since last Dec. 10 when applications totalled 338,261, and a rise of 130,394 from Jan. 22, 1953, when job requests totalled 393,214.

Federal experts say that a portion of these applicants already hold jobs of some sort and are looking for better employment.

Based on a sampling survey by the bureau of statistics, the number of persons without jobs of any kind and seeking work totalled 280,000 on Jan. 23, a jump of 90,000 from 190,000 on Dec. 12.

This 280,000 figure is the second highest in the post-war period, just below the high of 308,000 recorded in March, 1950.

**Below Peak**

However, it is far below the peak unemployment during the hungry 1930's. In 1933, for example, Canada had a labor force of 4,228,000 and an army of jobs reaching 817,000. With growth in Canada's population, the labor force on Jan. 23 totalled 5,242,900, slightly below the 5,275,000 on Dec. 12 last.

The number of applications in employment offices on Jan. 21 by regions with last year's figures in brackets:

Atlantic	71,262	53,812
Quebec	10,142	122,576
Ontario	142,115	147,733
Prairie	72,193	52,093
Pacific	67,896	60,110

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**THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING** of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion B. E. S. L., will be held in the Clover Club on Friday evening, February 26th at 7 p. m. Please note change of time.

**MOUNT MELLIK FARM FORUM** — On the evening of Feb. 22, Mount Mellick Farm Forum, in carrying out its project of sponsoring public speaking among the boys and girls, heard an interesting debate on the subject: "Resolved that alcohol does more harm than gossip." Norma Robertson and Jeanette Bruce supported the resolution and Lloyd MacEachern and Harvey Praught opposed it. The judges, George Tilley, Wilfred Praught and Wilbur Wood, gave a unanimous decision in favour of the affirmative. Mr. Tilley spoke as critic. Arnold Bruce was the general chairman for the evening. There was a good and appreciative audience.

**POTATO SHIPMENTS** — During the period from January 1 to Feb. 15 of this year Island dealers shipped about 400 carloads of potatoes to Canadian points, it was reported by Leo P. McIsaac while giving an account of the Potato Marketing Board's operations at the Federation of Agriculture meeting here Tuesday. Due to a misunderstanding it was reported in yesterday's issue that 400 carloads had been shipped on a consignment basis. Mr. McIsaac stated yesterday that only a small fraction of this number had been shipped by consignment. The Board itself had shipped five cars by consignment but were careful to see that these potatoes were sold at the prevailing market prices.

# New Deadly Weapons For Canada's Armed Forces

(By DAVE MCINTOSH) (Canadian Press Staff Writer)  
**OTTAWA (CP)** — New weapons far more deadly than anything known during the Second World War are being delivered to Canada's armed forces.

New weapons now being delivered do not include atomic bombs or other nuclear weapons, which the Canadian services will get eventually.

In the cold war, there is no end to the problem of equipping the forces with the most modern destructive machines. Defence Minister Claxton said in a recent interview: "You reach one goal, but even before you get there, you know there'll be a new one beyond that and another beyond that again."

Here is a rundown of some of the new weapons being fed to the forces. Others are being considered, still others are secret.

**Navy**  
Anti-submarine escorts — five launched, nine under construction. Minesweepers — four completed last year, 10 expected to be ready by the end of this year.  
Aircraft carrier — The angled-deck Bonaventure, now a building at Belfast, is expected to be launched in 1956.  
Frigates—21 are undergoing conversion.  
Small craft, ranging from patrol vessels to floating derricks — 43 completed or under construction.  
Banasher all-weather jet fighters — About 40 are on order from the United States to replace Sea Fury fighters by 1956.  
Grumman SF anti-submarine aircraft — About 40 are on order to replace Avengers.  
Sonobuoy — a new device for locating enemy submarines.

**Army**  
Rifle-Belgian Fabrique Nationale automatic 30-calibre probably will replace the Lee Enfield 303.  
Tanks — Conversion to British Centurions from U. S. Shermans is almost complete. The army is considering whether to purchase later-model Centurions or monster British Caernarvons.  
Anti-aircraft — Consideration is being given to purchase of the U. S. Nike, which fires guided missiles, or a similar weapon.  
Vehicles — New road-building machines are being tested but are still secret.

**Air Force**  
Home defence squadrons are being equipped with CF-100 all-weather jets, believed to be the most heavily armed fighters in the world.  
The delta-winged CF-105 now is on the drawing boards.  
So is the British Bristol Britannia, designed to replace the Lancaster bomber as an anti-submarine and patrol aircraft.  
About 25 U. S. Neptune bombers are on order for maritime reconnaissance.  
About 300 Mark V Sabres are being delivered to the RCAF air division in Europe.  
Engines — Canadian Orendas are replacing U. S. J-47s in the Sabre; the defence research board is conducting tests on increased-thrust jet engines.  
Armament — Air-to-air guided missiles have been tested; a new rocket range on the Alberta-Saskatchewan border will be opened this spring.  
Radar—McGill Fence now being installed as a backstop to the conventional radar gridwork.

# Red Cross First Aid Instructors' Course

The Red Cross has announced today the results of the First Aid Instructors' School held during December and January.

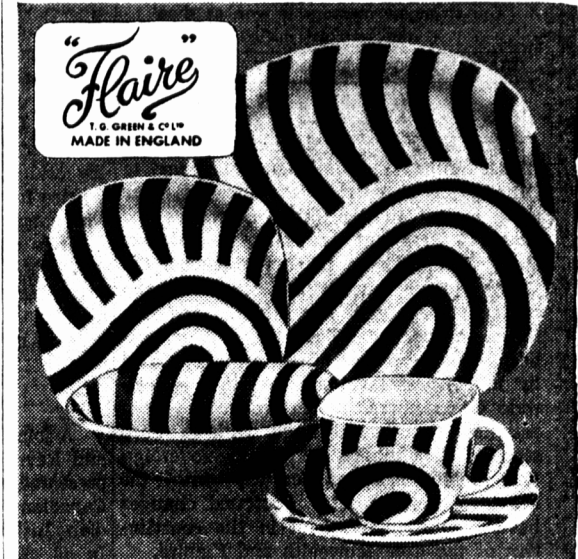
The First Aid committee receives outstanding co-operation in this work from the medical doctors in Charlottetown, from the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Welfare.

Dr. A. J. Murchison, Chairman of the committee was the examiner for this school. The lectures during the course were given by Dr. J. F. L. Burge, Dr. O. H. Curtis, Dr. J. A. McMillan, Dr. D. MacNeil, Dr. A. A. MacVicar, Dr. F. J. O'Meara, Dr. L. E. Prowse, and Dr. S. C. Theriault.

Dr. L. W. Shaw, Director of Education, and Mr. Edward MacPhail and Mr. Wilson Ross conducted the phases of the course which dealt with the fundamentals of teaching.

Red Cross instructor qualifications have been issued to the following: Baird, Edward; Betts, Mrs. Edward; Bowness, Miss Marie; Ellis, Kent; Gillis, Miss Phyllis; Gordon, Miss Charlotte; McGaughey, Miss Jean; Rev. Sister St. Linus; Rev. Sister St. Mary Pauline; Rogerson, Miss Joan; Smith, Miss Catherine G.; Trainor, Miss Alice; MacDonald, Miss Catherine, Re-qualified; Campbell, Miss Mary; Harper, Gilbert; Livingstone, Mrs. Lillian; McCormack, Mrs. Charles.

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