

Unemployment Insurance To Be Greatly Changed

When Canada's new Unemployment Insurance Act comes into effect on October 2, 1955, it will mark the first major revision of the original legislation. The Act was first passed in 1940 and was put in operation July 1, 1941.

The new legislation makes changes respecting contributions, rates and duration of benefit, qualifying and re-qualifying conditions for benefit, and earning which are allowable without loss of benefit.

The new Act relates contributions (see table) to weekly earnings and (see table) to weekly earnings and contributions on the former daily basis. This will make it easier to record contributions and determine periods of employment where a person is on short-time or where a holiday falls in the middle of the week.

The scale of contributions has been made more even, so that a worker's contributions as a percentage of earnings will be approximately one per cent in each earnings class, with a like amount contributed by his employer. Formerly the percentage varied in different earnings groups from slightly less than one per cent to more than three per cent.

Three new earnings classes have been added at the top end of the scale so that higher benefit rates will be possible for those in higher salary ranges. This was necessary because of the steady upward movement of wage rates since the last change was made.

In regard to benefit rates (see table), it was felt that they should be put back in line with the general wage structure. The steady increase in wages in recent years has meant that benefits as a percentage of wages have been constantly decreasing. The new rates rectify this.

A somewhat different emphasis has been given to duration of benefit under the new Act. Records

showed that very few people were using their maximum period of benefit while a good many were still unemployed when their benefit period ran out. By reducing the maximum from 51 to 36 weeks and raising the minimum from six to 15 weeks, protection has been shifted so that, in total, it is more comprehensive.

The requirements for drawing benefit under the new Act have, in some respects, been made easier. To qualify, at least 30 weekly contributions must have been paid in the 104 weeks before the date of claim and eight of these must be in the last 52 weeks. This entitles the claimant to the minimum of 15 weeks. A further week of benefit is earned for each additional two weeks of contributions, up to the maximum of 36 weeks of benefit which can be allowed in one benefit period.

To re-qualify (having had a previous claim) there must again be at least 30 weekly contributions in the last 104 weeks, but eight of them must be in the last 52 weeks or since the beginning of the last claim, whichever period is shorter. Any contribution week that is more than 52 weeks old and that came before the beginning of the last claim cannot again be counted.

The new Act eliminates the non-compensable day, modifies the rule regarding subsidiary earnings, and introduces a scale of allowable earnings (see table related to the ordinary earnings of the claimant in the period preceding his claim. A claimant gets full benefit payments if his earnings from casual, part-time, or short-time employment while on claim are not more than the allowable amount established in his case. If that amount is exceeded, his benefit is simply reduced by the amount of the excess over the allowable scale.

Morell Edges Geo'town 4-3

The Morell Beavers evened up the Kings County baseball finals on Sunday by edging out the hometown Georgetown team 4-3 in one of the best ball games of the year. The series is now tied up at one win each, with the third game at Morell on Sunday Sept. 11th at 2.15.

After a shaky first inning both teams settled down to give a large crowd a real exhibition of baseball, with both sides pulling off some very fine plays.

Joe Coffin, of the Beavers, hit the only extra base blow with a line drive triple into left field. McCarthy went all the way on mound for Morell to gain the win. Murphy started for Georgetown but gave way to McPhee in the sixth. Murphy was the loser.

Batteries: McCarthy and J. Coffin, Macinnis (2) D. Murphy, McPhee and McPhee, Lavers (2).

Wished He Had Fired Gen. MacArthur Earlier

CHICAGO, (AP)—Former president Truman says he wishes he had fired Gen. MacArthur two years sooner.

That, he said is the only "repentance" he has had for removing MacArthur as supreme commander in Korea on April 11, 1951.

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The spores, under favourable conditions of temperature and moisture, may remain viable on the soil surface for several days after the plants have died naturally or have been killed purposely. Because of these facts, and in the interests of protection to both the producer and the purchaser, no field should be harvested until the tops have been dead for at least ten days, whether death has been caused by disease frost, or chemical top killer.

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Pisquid East

Miss Doreen Jay left during the week for Charlottetown where she is taking first year at P. W. C. Mrs. Owen Kelly spent a couple of days during the week in Donagh with her daughter Mrs. Walter White and Mr. White.

Mr. Floyd Jay and Mr. Alton Jay motored to Cross Roads on business Monday.

The 71-year-old Truman made the statement in a question-and-answer period following an address before the executive club of Chicago Friday.

The former President fired MacArthur on grounds that the general was "unable to give wholehearted support" to the policies of the United Nations and the Truman administration in the conduct of the Korean war.

A questioner asked why UN forces in Korea did not drive to the Yalu river "as MacArthur said they could" instead of halting at the 38th parallel.

"MacArthur never was ordered to stop at the 38th parallel!" Truman retorted. "There were a million and a half Chinese between him and the Yalu river and he couldn't get through them."

UN forces had reached the Yalu earlier in the war, only to be forced back when China entered the conflict.

A MacArthur aide in New York said there would be no immediate comment from the general on Truman's remarks.

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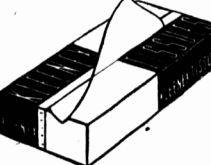


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Lorne Valley

Mrs. James Callaghan and son, Mr. Louis Callaghan were visitors to Charlottetown on September 8 where they were guests of relatives.

Out of the Province visitors to this vicinity include Mr. and Mrs. Milton MacDonald, Montreal, Quebec, who were guests of the former's brother, Mr. Wilbur MacDonald.

Miss Doris MacNeill, Boston, Mass., arrived on the Island recently. She is spending a vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James MacNeill.

Mr. Francis MacIntyre was a visitor to Souris on Wednesday.

Miss Anna Goodwin who recently arrived on the Island from Montreal, P. Q. spent a few days in Lorne Valley during the week. While she was here she was the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ferguson.

Miss Jean Ferguson, Montague, visited relatives and friends in Lorne Valley during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bampton, Melrose, Mass., are vacationing on the Island. On September 7th they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben McConnell, Lorne Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh MacLeod with daughters Ruthie, Lorna and Heather, Central Royalty, motored in Lorne Valley on September 11th while here, they were guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm MacLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. George Blasser, Roxbury, Mass., are guests of Mrs. Blasser's brother, Mr. George MacDonald.

Mrs. George MacInnis spent a few days in Charlottetown the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. Mrs. John Spencer, Mount Edward Road.

Mrs. Sterling MacLeod and daughter Donna, New Haven, spent the past weekend with Mrs. MacLeod's brother, Mr. George MacDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. George McAulay, Charlottetown were recent guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Mae McAulay.

On Sunday, September 11th, ser-

vice at Lorne Valley Church was conducted by the Rev. D. A. Campbell who delivered an impressive message. Mrs. Daniel Shaw presided at the organ during the singing of the hymns.



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