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MEMBERS of Prince Rupert's Winter Work comittee are shown during their meeting of November 8th held in the local offices of the National Employment Service. Seated, from left to right, are Rev. H. W. Foster, Mrs. Catherine G. Holder, William Adams, Cceil Pitt, A. P. Crawley, chairman, R. L. Gardner and Edgar Woodward. Standing are Aiderman G. E. Carlson, Gordon Nore and J. S. Black.—(Staff photo by G. P. Woodside).

Everybody can help winter works program

A poor fishing season has added to the unemployment problem throughout the Prince Rupert area as autumn progresses into winter, Cecil Pitt, manager of the Unemployment Insurance Commission said today.

He said that throughout the entire province reports show that the employment situation is worsening in all industries. Weekly items from the news services carry repeated stories of plants on short shift, temporary shut-down or reduced turnovers.

Many skilled men have, through no fault of their own, been thrown out of work. The Winter Works Campaign gives them the opportunity to make a living through the hard months ahead.

Firms and organizations throughout the city have been asked to co-operate with the local committee headed by A. P. Crawley to assist in alleviating the situation. Homeowners, too, can help by having needed repairs and maintenance work done during the winter months.

Mr. Pitt will help competent men and women to do the work required and available.

A concerted effort by citizens of Prince Rupert can ease a seasonal problem that is growing in proportion with a slowdown of industry.

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Unemployment figures show sharp rise over '59

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada's unemployment, rising faster than usual as autumn began, increased by 41,000 from mid-September to a total of 368.000 at mid-October—a post-war record for the month—the bureau of statistics reported today. This was 46 per cent more than the jobless total of 251,000 in October last year.

The official unemployment figure, for the week ended October 15, was 39,000 higher than the previous post-war record for October of 329,000 in 1958.

The bureau said the number of persons with jobs decreased by 16,000 between September and October to 6,131,000—a decline that was less than seasonal.

But it said Canada's total labor force "continued to expand more rapidly than it has for the last two years."

The report placed the labor force in mid-October at 6,499,000, up 3.3 per cent from the year-earlier level of 6,290,000. In the same 12 months, employment expanded by only 1.5 per cent to 6,131,000 from 6,039,000.

USE NEW MEASURE

Today's report, based on a labor force survey of 35,000 households, was the second to use the newly-adopted official measure of unemployment. This figure is a total of persons "without work and seeking work" and persons on temporary layoffs of up to 30 days.

The picture in brief, with estimates in thousands:

	Oct. 1960	Sept. 1960	Oct. 1959
Labor force	6,499	6,474	6,290
Employed	6,131	6,147	6.039
Unemployed	368	327	251

The rise in unemployment brought the October jobless total to 5.7 per cent of the labor force, compared with 5.3 per cent in September, four per cent a year ago and 5.3 per cent two years ago.

FARM JOBS DROP

The report — a joint release from the bureau of statistics and the labor department — showed that the decline in employment between September and October was due entirely to a fall-off in numbers of farm jobs.

Farm employment declined by 62,000 to 695,000. This drop was mostly offset by a growth in non-farm employment of 46,000 to 5,436,000. But the report said most of this employment gain was among women.

The increase in employment from last year was due to expansion in the service, trade and finance industries.

Most of the unemployed persons in October—83 per cent—were men. And most of the 117,000 annual rise in the jobless total was among men, reflecting in part the slowness in the goods-producing industries.

The report said the largest year-to-year percentage rise in unemployment occurred in Ontario and British Columbia, due partly to the decreased demand for manufacturing workers.

B.C. HARD HIT

October unemployment was most severe—in relation to the size of the labor force—in the Atlantic provinces and British Columbia.

In the four eastern provinces unemployment was 7.8 per cent of the labor force and in British Columbia 7.7 per cent. The unemployment rate in other areas: Quebec 6.9; Ontario 5.0; Prairies 2.8.

About one-third — 120,000—of the 368,000 unemployed in mid-October had been without work and seeking work for less than a month. Another 125,000 had been jobless for one to three months, 53,000 for four to six months and 49,000 for seven months of more. Another 21,000 were on temporary layoffs of up to 30 days.

Regional picture

Prairie — Mid-October unemployment totalled 31,000, up 8,000 from a month earlier and 6,000 higher than a year earlier. There were 1,080,000 persons employed, down 24,000 from September but 19,000 more than in October, 1959.

The report attributed the month's employment decline to the normal seasonal drop in farm activity. There was a small rise in non-farm employment. Construction work remained fairly steady and food-processing plants were busier. Virtually all of the year-to-year gain in employment was in non-farm jobs.

Pacific — Unemployment rose by 4,000 from mid-September to 45,000. This was 73 per cent higher than the year-earlier level of 26,000. Total employment, at 539,000, was up 8,000 in the month but 3,000 below a year earlier.

During the month there were seasonal hirings in forestry, mining, trade and the service industries. Employment in shipyards and machine shops held steady.

Decline shown in employment

A seasonal decline in employment occurred in the Pacific region between August and September. Farm employment went down as the fruit and vegetable harvest neared completion, and widely distributed layoffs took place in the service-producing groups and in manufacturing.

A number of persons in agriculture and the seasonal summer activities related to the tourist trade left the labor force on termination of their jobs. Logging and sawmilling employment remained at reduced levels due to unfavorable market conditions for lumber. Construction remained fairly stable during the month despite the continuing weakness in housebuilding.

	Sept. 1960	Aug. 1960	Sept. 1959
	(est. in thousands)		
Labor Force	572	569	564
Employed	531	545	540
Agriculture	30	34	26
Non-Agricult.	501	511	514
Unemployed	41	44	24

Employment in British Columbia was lower than a year earlier as a result of a substantial decline in construction and a smaller drop in manufacturing, particularly shipbuilding and plants supplying housebuilding materials. Farm employment went up, partly offsetting this decline.

Unemployment went down from August to September, but remained much higher than in September 1959. It amounted to 7.2 per cent of the labor force, compared with 4.3 per cent a year earlier.

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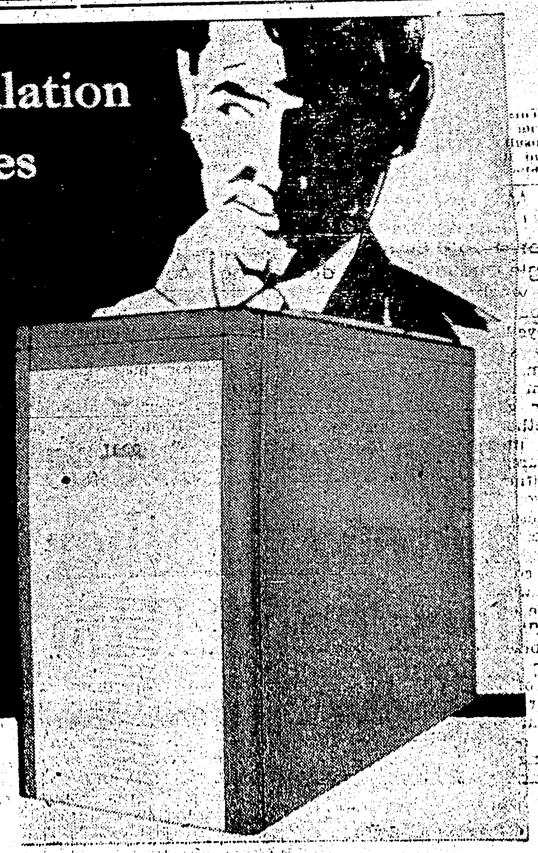

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