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Over 5,000,000 Employed: Employment in Canada exceeded 5,000,000 for the first time on record in the week ending August 16, when there were 3,880,000 employed men and 1,128,000 employed women. The total of 5,008,000 was about 137,000 higher than the previous recorded high for the last week of May and nearly 150,000 greater than for a comparable period in August last year.

Unemployment in the same week fell to 75,000, down 18,000 since the end of May and 44,000 less than at the end of August, 1946. The number out of work was close to the low level reached during the war, when thousands of men and women were in uniform.

The civilian labour force, which includes persons at work, with a job but not at work, and looking for work, thus stood well over the five million mark at 5,081,000. Total number of persons 14 and over not in the labour force was 3,890,000, down 123,000 from May but 75,000 higher than a year earlier. (DLS)

Commercial Rent Decontrol: Announcing the de-control of rentals of commercial accommodation effective March 8, 1948, Honourable D.C. Abbott, Minister of Finance, said Friday: "On June 19th I advised the House of Commons that it was not the intention of the Government to ask Parliament for power to continue the control of rentals of commercial accommodation after the expiration of the Continuation of the Transitional Measures Act.

"The time has now come to implement the Government's intention by an appropriate Order of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board so that landlords and tenants may safely and legally make forward-contracts and commitments in anticipation of the conditions which will prevail after the control on commercial accommodation has been lifted.

"An Order of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board has accordingly been made which revokes all the regulations controlling the rentals and tenures of commercial accommodation with effect March 8, 1948.

"The timing of this revocation will enable any landlord, who is entitled under provincial law to give his tenant a month's notice to vacate, to give or serve such notice at any time after March 7th but no earlier."

Mr. Gregg's First Press Conference: A meeting between the Fisheries Department and representatives of the fishing industry will be held here next week to fix prices for fish purchased with the \$8,000,000 voted by Parliament at the last session for European food relief, Fisheries Minister Gregg announced Friday.

At his first press conference since his victory in the Monday by-election for the federal constituency of York-Sunbury. Mr. Gregg said \$4,600,000 of the relief fund is to be spent on the West Coast and some \$5,400,000 in the Maritimes and Quebec.

The fund represented part of the \$20,000,000 voted for post-U.N.R.R.A. relief to such countries as Greece, Austria and Italy. (CP)