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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF CANADA

The employment service of the Department of Labor reports that returns from the Dominion and Provincial offices of the employment service of Canada for week ended July 24 shows an increase of placements when compared with returns for the preceding week. The offices reported that they had made 8,027 references to regular positions and 7,267 placements were affected. This represents an increase of 145 when compared with the previous week when 7,122 placements were reported. In addition 1,737 casual jobs were supplied as compared with 1,858 during the week ended July 17.

During the week 8,638 applicants were registered, of whom 951 were women and 7,685 were men. This is an increase of 287 in registration when compared with the 8,349 applications reported during the preceding week. The number of vacancies notified by the employers to the service during the week totalled 8,990, of which 1,043 were for women and 7,947 were for men. This represents a decrease of 889 vacancies, when compared with the 9,879 reported during the preceding week. Of the placements in regular employment 660 were women and 6,607 were men.

Of the placements in regular employment 80 were reported by New Brunswick offices, as compared with 95 during the preceding week. Quebec offices reported 240 placements, 187 within the Province and 53 in other Provinces, as compared with a total of 185 during the week previous. Placements reported by Ontario offices totalled 2,611, of which 2,576 were within the Province and 35 in other Provinces, as compared with a total of 2,741 during the preceding week. The Prairie Provinces reported placements as follows: 1,062 by Manitoba offices, 913 within the Province and 149 in other Provinces, as compared with a total of 960 during the previous week; 683 by Saskatchewan offices, 659 within the Province and 24 in other Provinces, as compared with a total of 687 during the week preceding; 1,385 by Alberta offices, 1,374 within the Province and 11 in other Provinces, as compared with a total of 1,359 during the previous week. The British Columbia offices reported 1,206 placements, 6 of which were in other Provinces, as compared with the total of 1,095 during the week ended July 17.

LOCAL FIRM BUYS RICHMOND BONDS

Two lots of the Municipality of Richmond bonds were sold on July 26 to a total of \$168,230, as follows: \$33,230 in five-year bonds at 5½% per cent, bought by Pemberton & Sons at 95.78, and 1 per cent commission. The second lot was \$135,00 in 20-year bonds, also at 5½%, which went at 84.29 to Pemberton & Son and the Royal Financial Corporation.

It is understood that the Coughlan Shipyards are in negotiation for the construction of two more 8,100-ton steel steamers to be built for the Canadian Government merchant marine service.

PULP AND PAPER EXPORTS FOR APRIL

Pulp and paper exports from Canada for April, the first month of Canada's fiscal year, reached a total value of \$8,172,356, as compared with \$4,968,939 for April, 1919, an increase of \$3,203,417. They were made up as follows:

Month of April.	1919	1920	Gain
Paper and Mfgs. of	\$3,630,238	\$4,729,354	\$1,099,116
Chemical Pulp	1,120,990	2,936,633	1,815,643
Mechanical Pulp	217,711	506,369	288,658

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The greatest gain was in unbleached sulphite, of which 397,359 cwts., valued at \$1,587,236, were exported in April this year, as compared with 87,786 cwts., valued at \$352,485, last year. Of bleached sulphite, 131,161 cwts., valued at