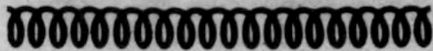


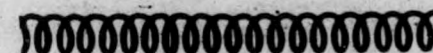
Quotes of The Week:



If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich.
John F. Kennedy



Short of Genius, a rich man cannot imagine poverty.
Charles Peguy



Changes to UI Act

By MELYNDA JARRATT
News Editor

Benoit Bouchard, Minister of Employment and Immigration, has announced an amendment to the Unemployment Insurance Act which will extend the Variable Entrance Requirement and freeze UI premium rates for one year.

The current 10-14 week Variable Entrance Requirement (VER) has been extended until January 3, 1988, which would have otherwise elapsed on January 4, 1987. Without this extension, UI claimants would have needed a minimum of 14 weeks of insurable employment to qualify for Unemployment benefits.

As well, the UI premium rate has been frozen until December 31, 1987 at the same level as 1985 and 1986. These rates are \$2.35 per \$100 of insurable earnings for employees and \$3.29 per \$100 of insurable earnings for employers.

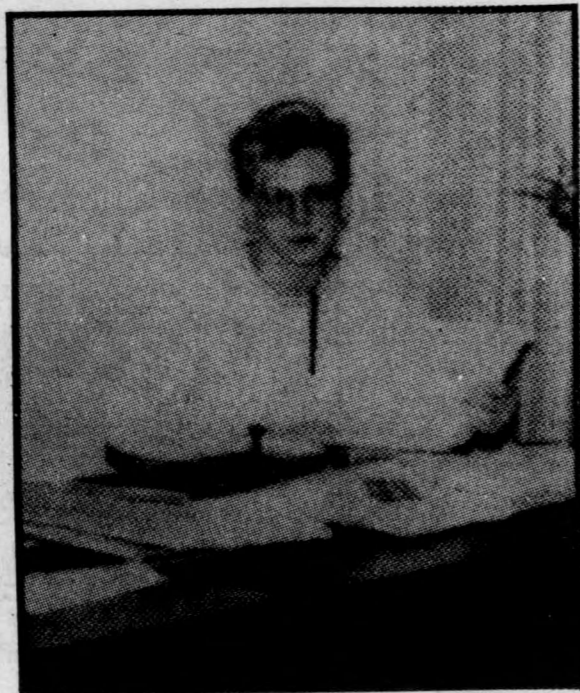
The VER first came into effect in December of 1977, allowing UI CLAIMANTS TO QUALIFY FOR BENEFITS based on the difficulty of finding and keeping work. It is based on the unemployment rate in each of the 48 economic regions of Canada.

In an economic region with a high level of unemployment, a claimant could need as few as 10 weeks of insurable earnings to qualify for UI benefits. In a region with a high level of employment, a claimant would need at least 14 weeks of insurable earnings.



The team from the faculty of law at the University of New Brunswick took top honors last month at the Tri-Lateral Moot Court competition in Halifax. From left to right: Andrea Sabada of Charlottetown, Jeff Brace and Deloras O'Neill of St. John's, and Rick Williams of Fredericton. Dalhousie and the University of Maine also competed in the event.

In Memoriam



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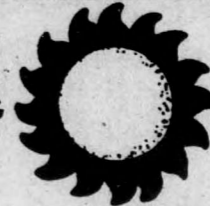
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