

All regions shared in the year-to-year advance in employment; the largest percentage increases were in British Columbia and Quebec.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment increased by 28,000 to 266,000 between November and December, a relatively small increase for this time of year.

Compared to the figure a year earlier, unemployment was up 14,000. Of the 266,000 unemployed in December, some 215,000 had been unemployed for three months or less. The remaining 51,000, or 19 per cent of the total, had been unemployed for four months or more.

Unemployment in December represented 3.6 per cent of the labour force, compared to 3.5 per cent in December 1965 and 4.1 per cent in December 1964. Seasonally adjusted, the December 1966 unemployment rate was 3.6 per cent.

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STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

According to a preliminary summary of strikes and lockouts released recently by the Minister of Labour, Mr. John R. Nicholson, there were 82 work

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stoppages in Canada during November 1966, compared to 94 in October but with more workers involved and a greater loss of time.

The November stoppages involved 28,333 workers and a time-loss of 222,190 man-days, compared to 25,006 workers involved in strikes in October when there was a time-loss of 195,600.

AREAS AFFECTED

Six of the stoppages were in industries under Federal jurisdiction. Of the rest, 34 were in Ontario, 28 in Quebec, four in Nova Scotia, three each in Alberta and New Brunswick, two in British Columbia, and one each in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Thirty-six of the work stoppages involved 100 or more workers. Of these, 19 were terminated by the end of the month.

A breakdown by industry of the month's work stoppages shows 43 in manufacturing, 17 in construction, nine in transportation and utilities, five in service, three in mines, two each in trade and public administration and one in forestry.

Based on the number of non-agricultural wage and salary workers in Canada, the number of man-days lost in November represented 0.15 per cent of the estimated working time, compared to 0.16 per cent in October, and 0.08 per cent in November 1965.