

registrations for employment. However, there appeared to be very little, if any, actual unemployment at the present time. It seemed clear, therefore, that there was a substantial disparity between the total of registrations and the actual level of unemployment which gave a misleading impression when such figures were cited as indicating the numbers of "unplaced applicants". It was also to be noted that the N.E.S. figures taken at approximately the same time as the Labour Force Survey in March 1950 gave totals for "unplaced applicants" which were 20 per cent higher than the unemployment figure arrived at by the Bureau of Statistics. It was most undesirable that there should be any confusion arising out of the publication of these different totals or of figures that seemed to misrepresent the actual situation.

13. The Minister of Labour was doubtful whether the sampling procedure used in the Labour Force Surveys was adequate to provide an accurate measure of unemployment. Before placing the surveys on a monthly basis, it would be desirable to see to what extent the measures recommended for the N.E.S. figures would make them more reliable as a measure of unemployment.

14. The Cabinet, after considerable discussion:

(a) approved the recommendations of the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Labour Statistics for changes in compilation of the statistics of the National Employment Service and concerning the manner of referring to them in published documents; and

(b) deferred decision concerning the establishment of the Labour Force Surveys on a monthly basis pending further information concerning the degree of improvement that could be effected in the statistics of the National Employment Service as a measure of unemployment.)

Greater Winnipeg Dyking Board; establishment; appointments.

15. The Minister of Trade and Commerce reported that an agreement had been entered into with the Province of Manitoba for the establishment of a Greater Winnipeg Dyking Board to carry out the planning and construction of emergency works to guard against floods in the Red River Valley and Winnipeg area generally. It was recommended that the agreement and its execution by the Minister of Trade and Commerce be approved and that the Board be established to consist of members appointed from time to time as set forth in the agreement.

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