

booklet he is handed when he makes his claim that if he moves from Montreal to Toronto for example he should advise the Montreal office that he is going to Toronto and immediately on arrival in Toronto he must report there and request a transfer. In the old days when that fellow went from Montreal to Toronto and told us that he was going to Toronto, Montreal would send his claim on, but we would find that he went on to Winnipeg (not Toronto) and from Winnipeg to Saskatoon and remained there. Therefore we made a ruling that the claim would not be transferred until the claimant arrived at his new destination.

All records are kept by regional prefix. For example, F is Winnipeg and O is Ontario, and so on. For purposes of quick identification as to where the records are located they are given this prefix and records are always kept at the point of prefix origin. If he originally was insured at Winnipeg and wandered to Halifax his records would be at Winnipeg and upon his arrival at Halifax, a request is made by airmail to Winnipeg for the records. We are able to keep track of every claimant's records through these prefixes. Otherwise there would be utter chaos.

Mr. STARR: For instance, if a person was laid off in Oshawa after having worked in Winnipeg and submitted his books to the Oshawa office, would that book be sent to Winnipeg?

Mr. MCGREGOR: No. His book would go to Toronto. If he had previously made a claim in Winnipeg his records would be held there. Toronto regional office would request his previous records from Winnipeg.

Mr. STARR: I have a case where a book was sent by Oshawa to the Winnipeg office and it delayed the case.

Mr. GAUTHIER (*Nickel Belt*): What type of employee covered by unemployment insurance do you find the hardest to keep track of with respect to moving around?

Mr. MCGREGOR: I would say perhaps the construction worker who moves around quite a bit. Of course we have a lot of transients in this country who move frequently from one area to another.

Mr. GAUTHIER (*Nickel Belt*): What about the lumberjacks?

Mr. MCGREGOR: I do not think that we have too much trouble with them except perhaps as between Ontario and Quebec and the maritimes. He moves around pretty much in those areas.

Mr. GAUTHIER (*Nickel Belt*): I have some in my area from New Brunswick, Quebec and northern Ontario. Do you find that you have much trouble with the employers in keeping track of these men?

Mr. MCGREGOR: Of course we do not attempt to keep track of them at the local office. Once a year the books are renewed at which time they go to the office of the prefix origin, as we call it.

Mr. HAHN: Do many books become lost?

Mr. MCGREGOR: Quite a number. A fellow sometimes cannot even remember whom he worked for yesterday. It is quite difficult to try to rebuild his contributions.

Mr. BARNETT: I recognize the problem of the migratory worker who moves frequently. I realize that that is always going to be a continuing problem with respect to the transfer of records. What I had in mind particularly was the man who may move from one area to another and be more or less permanently located. A question was raised concerning lumberjacks. I think over a period of a year we have had quite a number of people who have come from the prairie region to British Columbia, or from eastern