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REPORT.

The SECRETARY, Department of Labour, to the Hon. the MINISTER OF LABOUR.

SIR,—

Department of Labour, Wellington, 19th June, 1930.

I have the honour to present herewith the thirty-ninth annual report of this Department, for the information of His Excellency the Governor-General, and to be laid before Parliament, in compliance with the Labour Department Act, 1908, and the Factories Act, 1921-22. The report covers the financial year 1st April, 1929, to 31st March, 1930.

I have, &c.,

W. NEWTON,

Secretary of Labour.

The Hon. the Minister of Labour.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

FROM the statement below, showing the total number of applications pending from week to week at the Department's Employment Bureaux throughout the Dominion, it will be seen that the number of applicants increased from 2,787 at the beginning of the year to 3,896 on 8th July, 1929. From the latter date the total decreased gradually to 2,466 on the 30th September. As it appeared, however, that the unemployment situation was still acute, it being estimated that there were many unemployed persons who were not registered at the Department's Bureaux, a special Cabinet Committee was set up to go into the question of commencing sufficient public works of a reproductive nature to absorb all unemployed. All persons who were out of work were requested to register with the Department, as it was necessary to ascertain the exact number of men seeking employment before a decision could be arrived at as to the works that were to be opened up. Immediately an announcement was made to this effect, the number of applicants increased to 4,924 on the 7th October, and reached 6,264 on the 14th October. Work was offered to all applicants, and up to the 31st October 5,664 men were placed in employment. At that date there were still on the registers 2,299 applicants who were willing to undertake the work offered by the Government, and employment was subsequently offered to these men. The number of applicants gradually declined from October, but from January the figures slowly rose to 3,130 at 31st March.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS PENDING FROM WEEK TO WEEK AT THE DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYMENT BUREAUX THROUGHOUT THE DOMINION.

1/4/29	..	..	2,787	5/8/29	..	..	3,368	9/12/29	..	..	2,080
8/4/29	..	..	2,796	12/8/29	..	..	3,082	16/12/29	..	..	1,854
15/4/29	..	..	3,211	19/8/29	..	..	2,941	23/12/29	..	..	1,453
22/4/29	..	..	3,198	26/8/29	..	..	2,795	30/12/29	..	..	1,242
29/4/29	..	..	3,263	2/9/29	..	..	2,722	6/1/30	..	..	1,565
6/5/29	..	..	3,211	9/9/29	..	..	2,618	13/1/30	..	..	2,520
13/5/29	..	..	3,335	16/9/29	..	..	2,608	20/1/30	..	..	2,723
20/5/29	..	..	3,388	23/9/29	..	..	2,617	27/1/30	..	..	2,572
27/5/29	..	..	3,427	30/9/29	..	..	2,466	3/2/30	..	..	2,398
3/6/29	..	..	3,638	7/10/29	..	..	4,924	10/2/30	..	..	2,402
10/6/29	..	..	3,418	14/10/29	..	..	6,264	17/2/30	..	..	2,449
17/6/29	..	..	3,431	21/10/29	..	..	5,541	24/2/30	..	..	2,520
24/6/29	..	..	3,662	28/10/29	..	..	4,142	3/3/30	..	..	2,578
1/7/29	..	..	3,786	4/11/29	..	..	3,108	10/3/30	..	..	2,652
8/7/29	..	..	3,896	11/11/29	..	..	2,589	17/3/30	..	..	2,806
15/7/29	..	..	3,850	18/11/29	..	..	2,624	24/3/30	..	..	3,006
22/7/29	..	..	3,725	25/11/29	..	..	2,544	31/3/30	..	..	3,130
29/7/29	..	..	3,349	2/12/29	..	..	2,404				