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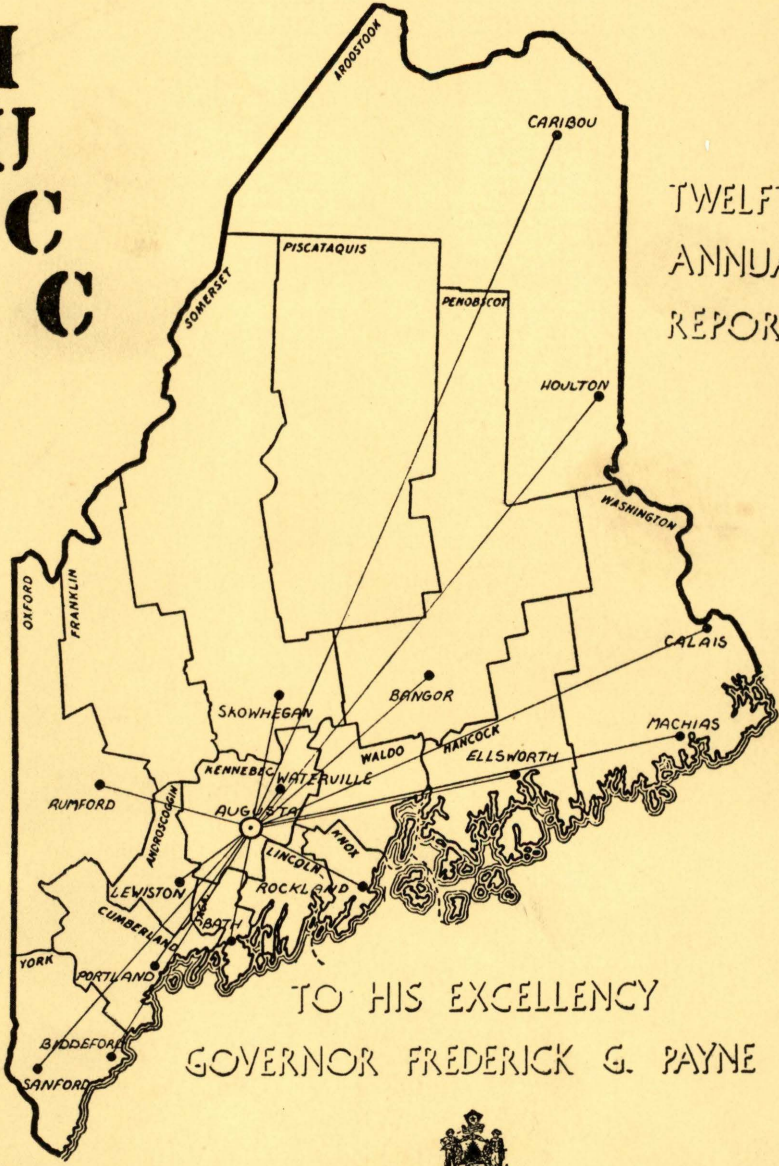
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GOVERNOR FREDERICK G. PAYNE



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OF THE

Maine Unemployment
Compensation Commission

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Maine Unemployment Compensation Commission
331 Water Street
Augusta, Maine

April 30, 1949

Honorable Frederick G. Payne
Governor of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Governor Payne:

In accordance with the provisions of the Maine Unemployment Compensation Law there is respectfully submitted herewith a report covering the administration and operation of this Law during the preceding calendar year, together with a statement showing the financial status of the Maine Unemployment Trust Fund at the close of 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. Fortier
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In Memory Of

Myron E. Bennett

Commissioner

Maine Unemployment Compensation Commission

December 21, 1936 to January 24, 1945

Died September 27, 1948

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INTRODUCTION

The Commission operated the Farm Placement Program for the first time since 1941 and great effort was placed in recruitment of Maine workers in order that garden products all over the State and potatoes in Aroostook County could be harvested without loss of crops. We are hopeful of recruiting more State of Mainer for the harvest of crops in 1949 thereby eliminating the need for importation of a large number of Canadians and other foreign workers.

Effective with the start of the new benefit year in April of 1948, the Commission increased the benefit schedule in line with the rising cost of living, raising the maximum weekly benefit amount from \$20.00 to \$22.50 and others in proportion.

Due to a budget cut requiring curtailment of personnel, claims at itinerant points were taken on a biweekly basis. However, in an effort to reduce to a minimum fraudulent filing of claims, the Commission established more itinerant stations thereby eliminating nearly all filing of claims by mail, which proved to be very effective.

There was a leveling-off or downward trend of industrial activity throughout the State and the claim load increased steadily during the latter part of the year. During 1948 the Commission experienced the largest expenditure for benefits since the inception of the program.

Under the seasonal provision of the Law the Commission, after public hearing, determined the operation of summer hotels, camps, etc., to be seasonal and the period was determined to be from April 15 to November 15.

The Commission adopted a Regulation requiring employers to report payroll detail annually rather than quarterly which we believe to be a time-saver to the employers as well as the Commission.

In accordance with the action taken by other State Agencies the Commission has subscribed to a policy of cooperating with other agencies of Government and private and community organizations to improve the employment process in the community and to participate in community programs for the same purpose.

During 1948 the Agency, in moulding together the unemployment and employment functions, established a general clearance of criteria affecting basic operations, policies, and procedures. The checking for conformity of material was assigned to the Standards, Methods and Planning unit. Training is set up on a long range basis with specific training plans projected on a yearly basis. Training was carried on throughout the year for thirty major programs.

Our Informational unit has carried out such well defined projects as Job Reporter programs on Maine Radio Stations—daily and weekly; issuance of about 7,000 Labor Market News Letters bi-monthly; release of a State Inventory of Job Openings monthly; monthly releases in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; monthly releases on local office operations; cooperation in development of National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week; cooperation in development of the Farm Placement Program; issuance of informative letters to all members of the incoming Legislature; issuance of Employment Security Review to all schools for guidance and counseling purposes.

The successful fulfillment of this practical and expansive program was made possible through the generous cooperation of newspapers, radion stations, publications, and many other agencies, and to all who so graciously assisted, the Commission is deeply and sincerely grateful. They all must share in whatever success has been achieved by this Agency in its public relations work.

In cooperation with the Director of Legislative Research, the Unemployment Compensation Law was completely revised to conform with the general Statutes of the State and to change the name of the Law to the Employment Security Law.

During the year every deputy employed by the Commission had experience in the presentation of alleged fraud cases involving Veterans. This was done at administrative hearings as provided in the Servicemen's Readjustment Act. This training and experience lays a foundation for the handling of similar cases involving the State Unemployment Compensation program in municipal courts.

The reports and analysis program of this Commission is designed primarily to provide statistical data needed for administrative control and program evaluation purposes. Since the operating programs administered by the Commission are extensive in scope, and since proper administration requires constant and complete surveillance of all operations, the reporting system employed is comprehensive in its coverage of all phases of Commission activities. The frequency at which reports covering different phases of operations are compiled varies according to type of operation and administrative needs. Some activities are analyzed on a weekly basis, some biweekly, others at monthly or quarterly intervals, and a few are reported at the end of each calendar year. The number of different types of summary reports and analyses assembled at regularly recurring periods in 1948 was as follows: weekly—5; biweekly—1; monthly—26; quarterly—9; and annually—6.

Aside from the reporting on and analysis of operations data a most important phase of the Commission's work in the field of research and statistics concerns the development and dissemination of labor market information. Because of the economic significance of data available either directly from, or as a by-product of the Agency's operations, demands upon the Commission have been becoming increasingly heavy for up-to-date analyses dealing with such fundamental aspects of the State's economy as employment, unemployment, labor demand, labor supply, and related information. The Commission is constantly aware of its obligation to take appropriate steps to compile and disseminate accurate data relative to labor market developments, and it is felt that this obligation was met most satisfactorily during 1948. Requests for labor market information were received during the year from numerous sources including: employers; labor organizations; federal, state, and local governmental units; private research agencies; newspapers; news syndicates; and radio news services.

During April, 1948, the Machias office conducted an extensive survey to determine the number of available workers in that area. The survey was conducted for the Chamber of Commerce pursuant to locating a new industry in Machias. The Machias Valley News, the local newspaper, cooperated to the fullest degree to the end that a new rayon weaving plant was built. Approximately 40 workers are now employed and the potential roster of employment will ultimately reach 120 workers. The employer's decision that it was expedient to locate the plant in Machias was the direct result of the survey.

Some of the programs that the Commission have under study are seasonal industry, disability insurance, and the experience rating structure, as well as the development of a financial arrangement with the federal government to obtain adequate funds for proper and efficient administration.

The Commission believes that the success it has enjoyed in the operation of the entire program is due greatly to the many employees who are deeply interested in the program. Many employees have been with the Agency for over ten years and we are pleased to list them below:

Olive Austin	John W. Greene	Elmer Potter
John Bache-Wiig	Merton J. Gribbin	Gertrude I. Powers
Earland Bailey	John G. Hankard	Ralph Rackliffe
Sadie Bancroft	Perley C. Hardy	Ruby Randall
Elliott Barker	Fred A. Herron	Aldona Rasytinis

William E. Bass
Letha Brown
Wallace Burke
John Caldwell
Gail Chapman
Charles F. Chase
Eleanor B. Cheney
Randall Colby
John D. Coughlin
Annie Day
Harold W. Eaton
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Harry Lagdon
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Louis Meagher
Marjorie Morison
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Frances Palmer
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Orissa Scott
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Mary E. Sudborough
Oliver L. Tapley
Peter Thaanum
Frances Tilton
Adelaide True
Anna K. Tucker
Dorothy Vigue
Marion Vigue
Raymond Welch
Irving C. Weymouth
Jean B. Wilder
Marguerite Wood
Carl R. Young



**Machias Office
Survey being Conducted Pursuant to Locating a New Industry**

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

The operations of this Agency were carried on during the calendar year 1948 in the most effective manner possible under the reduced administrative funds made available by the Federal Government.

The Agency submitted budgets requesting \$1,135,478.00 for administrative costs for the calendar year. Because of reduced appropriations by Congress the Agency received a total of \$953,410.00. This was \$182,068.00 less than the amount considered necessary for efficient operations of the various programs.

Such a drastic reduction could be overcome only by curtailed services to employers and workers within the State of Maine.

The following statement shows the funds available for the administrative costs and the expenses for which these funds were used during the 1948 calendar year.

Grants

Social Security Administration and U. S.	
Department of Labor	\$791,540.00
Veteran's Administration	160,550.00
Bureau of Labor Statistics	1,320.00
State Funds Available from 8292 Account	2,250.00
	\$955,660.00

Expenditures

	UC-ES	VA	Total
Personal Service	\$632,987.20	\$138,635.95	\$771,623.15
Consumable Supplies	23,069.08	4,133.01	27,202.09
Communications	13,927.35	809.57	14,736.92
Travel Expense	35,576.49	10,693.30	46,269.79
Printing and Binding	1,972.24	117.58	2,089.82
Heat, Light, and Water	4,086.97	311.78	4,398.75
Rent of Premises	33,149.52	2,268.98	35,418.50
Rent of Equipment	6,516.90	1,431.83	7,948.73
Repairs and Alterations	2,563.48	440.13	3,003.61
Other Expense	*42,058.00	*2,796.54	*44,854.54
Equipment Purchases	3,795.92	198.28	3,994.20
	\$799,703.15	\$161,836.95	\$961,540.10
Totals			
Deficit for Calendar Year 1948			†\$5,880.10

*Includes Agency's Part of Retirement for Employees.

†This deficit results from translating fiscal year accounting records to a calendar year basis for this report.

ADMINISTRATIVE FUND

Trial Balance

As of December 31, 1948

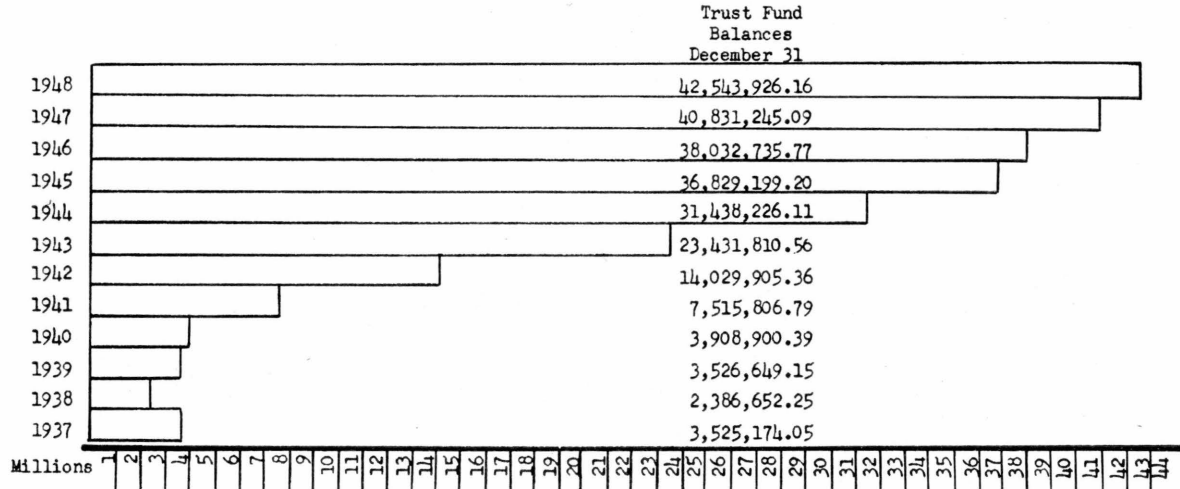
Assets

Cash.....	\$170,247.80	
Balance due from Federal Grants.....	281,235.00	
		—————\$451,482.80

Liabilities

Unencumbered Allotments (Jan.-June, 1949)	446,915.82	
Unliquidated Encumbrances		
Current Period 1948.....	\$ 4,324.98	
Prior Period 1947.....	242.00	
		—————\$451,482.80

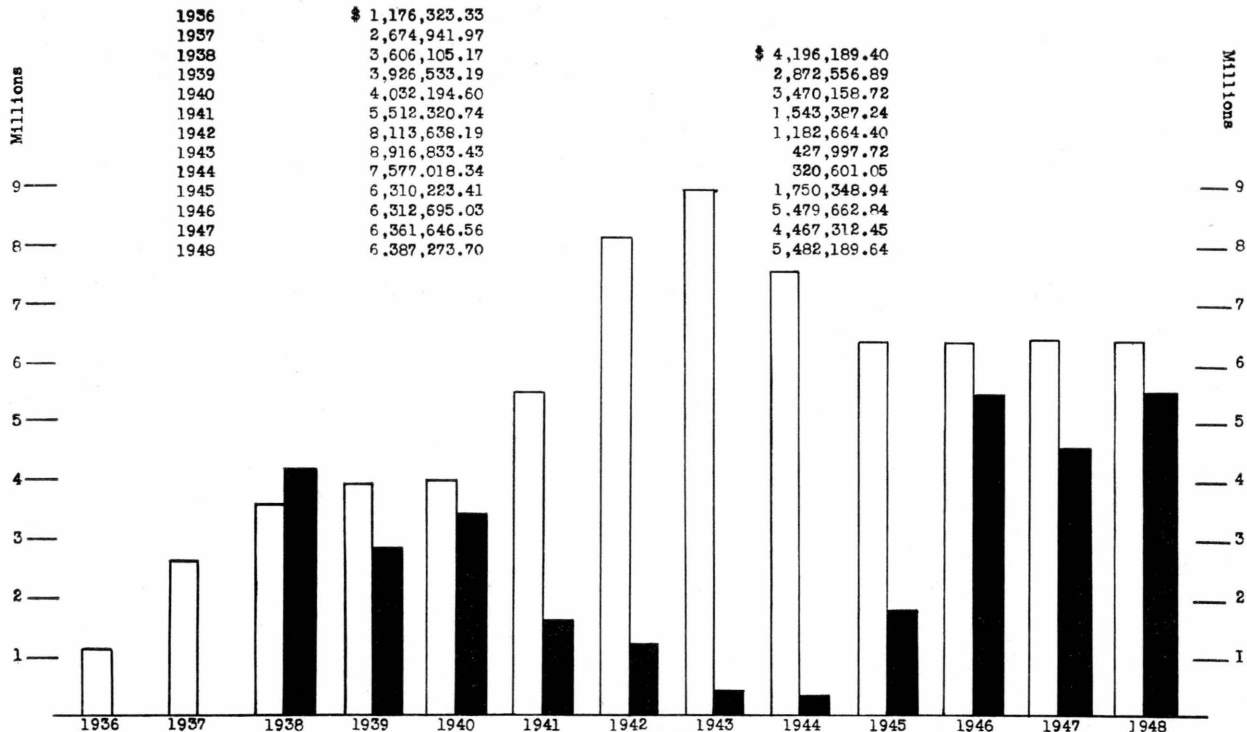
UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND



GRAPH I

EMPLOYER
CONTRIBUTIONS

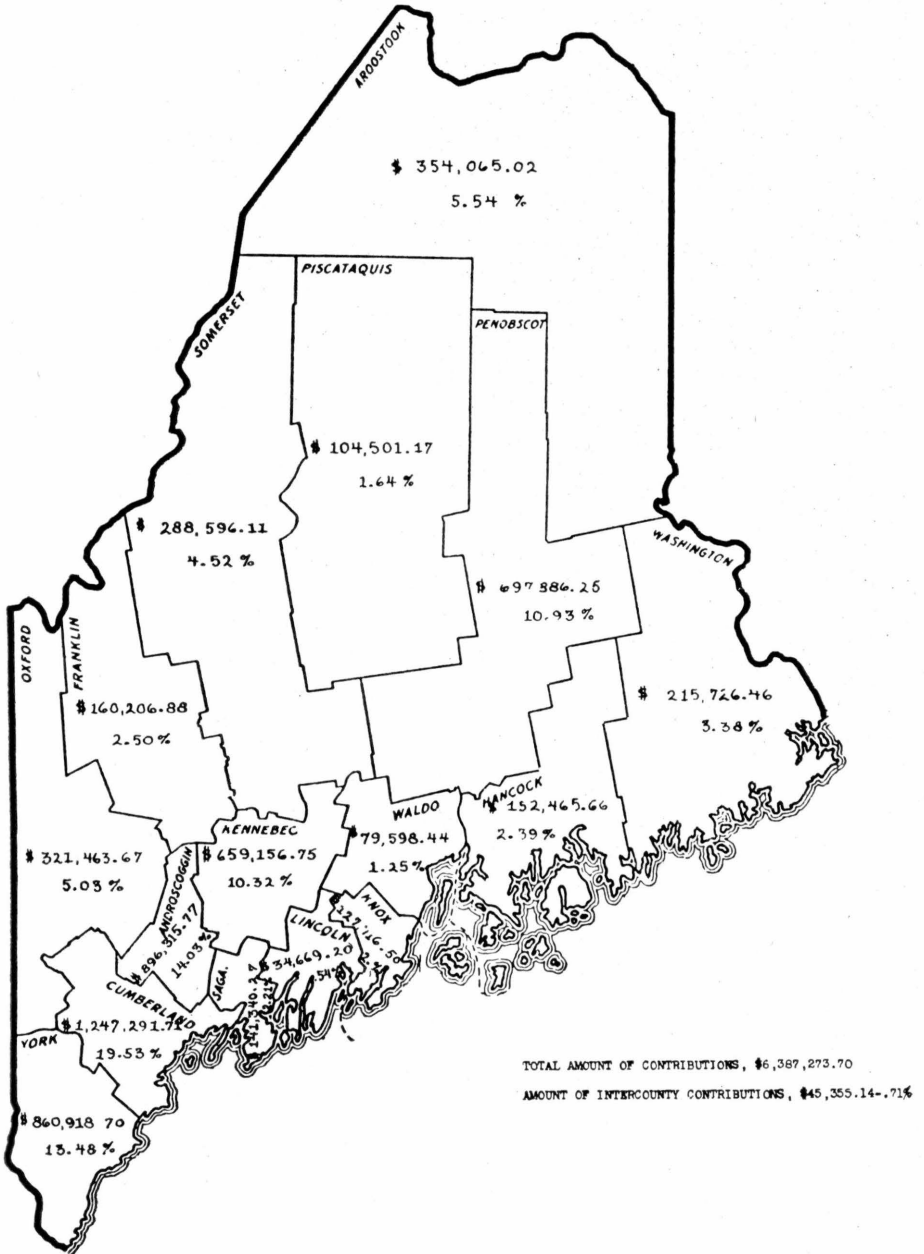
BENEFITS
PAID



Note—The Contributions for 1948 Shown Above Include Contributions Received During the First Quarter of 1949 Applicable to 1948.

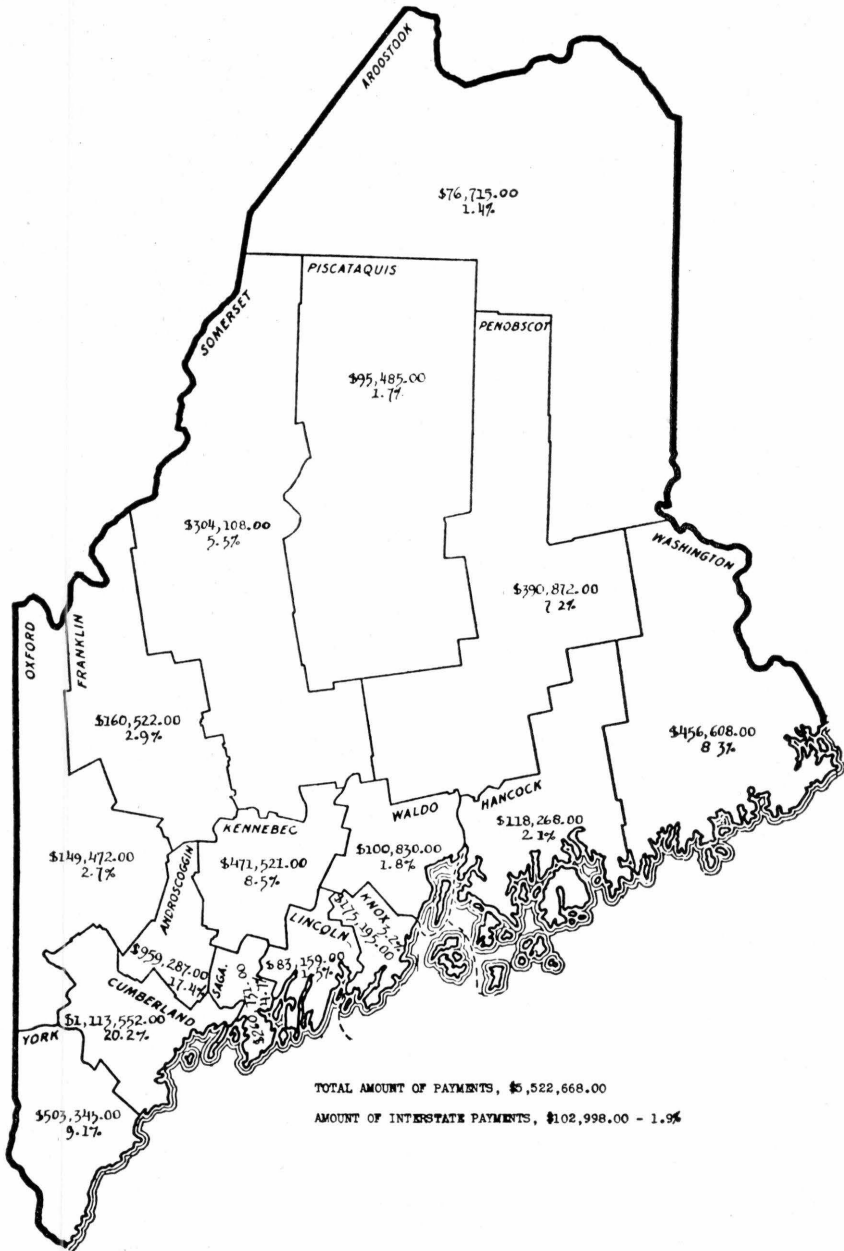
GRAPH II

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED UNDER THE UC PROGRAM FOR 1948
FROM EMPLOYERS OF THE VARIOUS COUNTIES IN MAINE



GRAPH III

BENEFIT PAYMENTS ISSUED UNDER THE U C PROGRAM IN 1948
TO RESIDENTS OF THE VARIOUS COUNTIES IN MAINE



GRAPH IV

**Statement of Net Tax Received from Employers and Benefit
Payments to Unemployed Claimants for the years 1936 through 1948
as of December 31, 1948**

Employer Contributions—1936—	\$1,176,323.33	
Employer Contributions—1937..	2,674,941.97	
Employer Contributions—1938..	3,606,105.17	
Employer Contributions—1939..	3,926,533.19	
Employer Contributions—1940..	4,032,194.60	
Employer Contributions—1941..	5,512,320.74	
Employer Contributions—1942..	8,113,638.19	
Employer Contributions—1943..	8,916,833.43	
Employer Contributions—1944..	7,577,018.34	
Employer Contributions—1945..	6,310,223.41	
Employer Contributions—1946..	6,312,695.03	
Employer Contributions—1947..	6,361,646.56	
Employer Contributions—1948..	4,971,573.45	
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Total Employer Contributions.....	\$69,492,047.41	
Interest on Trust Fund.....	4,360,791.50	
Interest and Penalty on Employer Accounts ..	75,566.92	
Benefit Fines.....	145.00	
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		\$73,928,550.83
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Net Benefits Paid—1938.....	\$4,196,189.40	
Net Benefits Paid—1939.....	2,872,556.89	
Net Benefits Paid—1940.....	3,470,158.72	
Net Benefits Paid—1941.....	1,543,387.24	
Net Benefits Paid—1942.....	1,182,664.40	
Net Benefits Paid—1943.....	427,997.72	
Net Benefits Paid—1944.....	320,601.05	
Net Benefits Paid—1945.....	1,750,348.94	
Net Benefits Paid—1946.....	5,479,662.84	
Net Benefits Paid—1947.....	4,467,312.45	
Net Benefits Paid—1948.....	5,482,189.64	
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	\$31,193,069.29	
Less: Unclaimed and Unredeemed Checks	9,602.14	
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Net Benefits Paid.....	\$31,183,467.15	
Administrative Expense.....	2,373.60	
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		\$31,185,840.75
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Cash Balance—December 31, 1948.....		\$42,742,710.08
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Special Administrative Account.....	\$ 4,595.93	
Clearing Account.....	10,848.67	
Trust Fund.....	42,543,926.16	
Benefit Account.....	\$188,674.32	
Less Title XIII Advance for Sea-		
men's Benefits.....	5,335.00	183,339.32
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Cash Balance—December 31, 1948.....		\$42,742,710.08
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UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ACTIVITIES

During the year 1948 the field examiners made 17,016 calls on employers and employing units for the purpose of making audits, determining liability, collecting delinquent contributions and reports, and advising them relative to the provisions of the Maine Unemployment Compensation Law.

Three hundred seventy-eight employing units were determined subject under the provisions of the Law and liable for contributions to this Agency in the amount of \$114,183.87.

Audits revealed that 153 employers had failed to report taxable earnings on which additional contributions were due in the amount of \$4,852.80, and 153 employers had overpaid contributions in the amount of \$5,683.14.

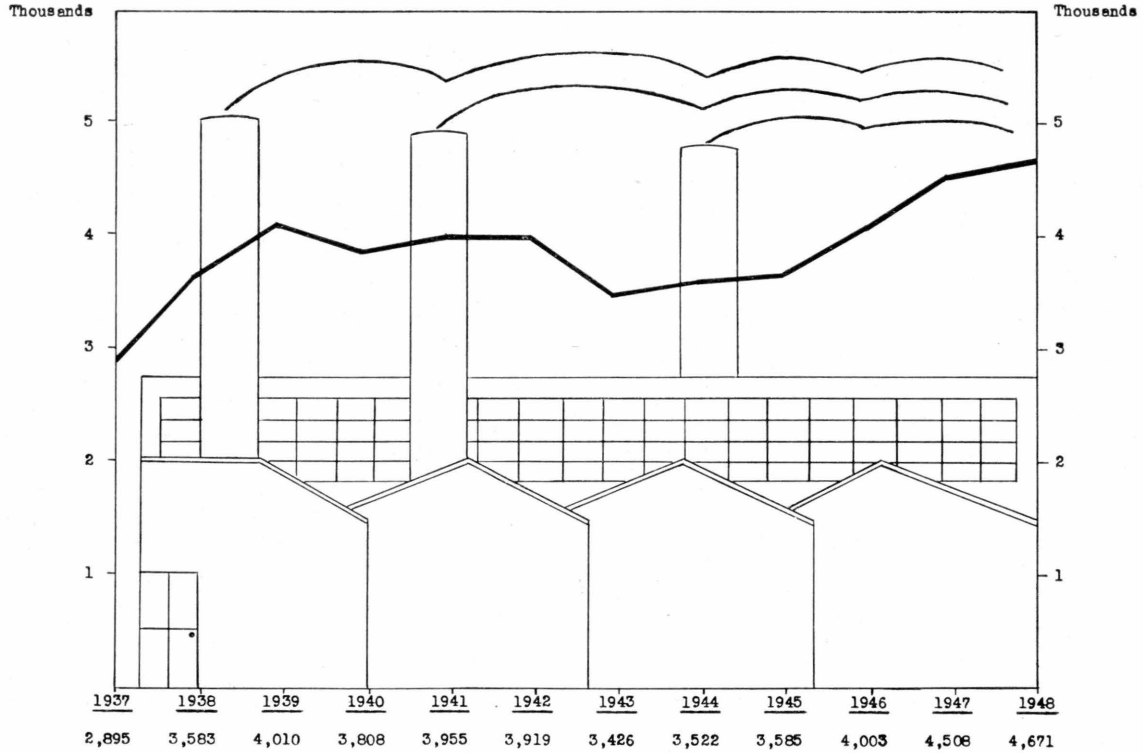
The field examiners collected past due contributions, interest, and penalties amounting to \$201,481.62 from 884 employers and delinquent quarterly contribution reports from 483 employers.

Since July, 1948, the field examiners have spent considerable time taking claims at itinerant points and taking orders from farmers for the potato harvest.

Employer Accounts

Active accounts as of 1-1-48		4508
New accounts:		
Previously subject employers	76	
Voluntary electors	34	
Successors to subject employers	171	
Liable under other provisions of the Law	462	743
	—	—
		5251
Less accounts closed:		
Granted termination of coverage	106	
Business sold or dissolved, or operations ceased	474	580
	—	—
Active accounts as of 12-31-48		4671

NUMBER OF SUBJECT EMPLOYERS
AS OF END OF EACH YEAR
1937 - 1948



GRAPH V

The total amount of contributions, interest on overdue employer accounts, late payroll penalties, and interest on the Trust Fund for 1948 was \$7,384,966.12. This amount was applied to the following accounts:

1938 Contributions	\$ 70.48
1940 Contributions	81.39
1941 Contributions	205.68
1942 Contributions	109.08
1943 Contributions	1,066.80
1944 Contributions	3,120.34
1945 Contributions	5,298.51
1946 Contributions	16,353.82
1947 Contributions	1,518,663.77
1948 Contributions	4,977,955.43
Interest on Employer Accounts	7,502.75
Payroll Penalties	857.00
Interest on Trust Fund	853,681.07

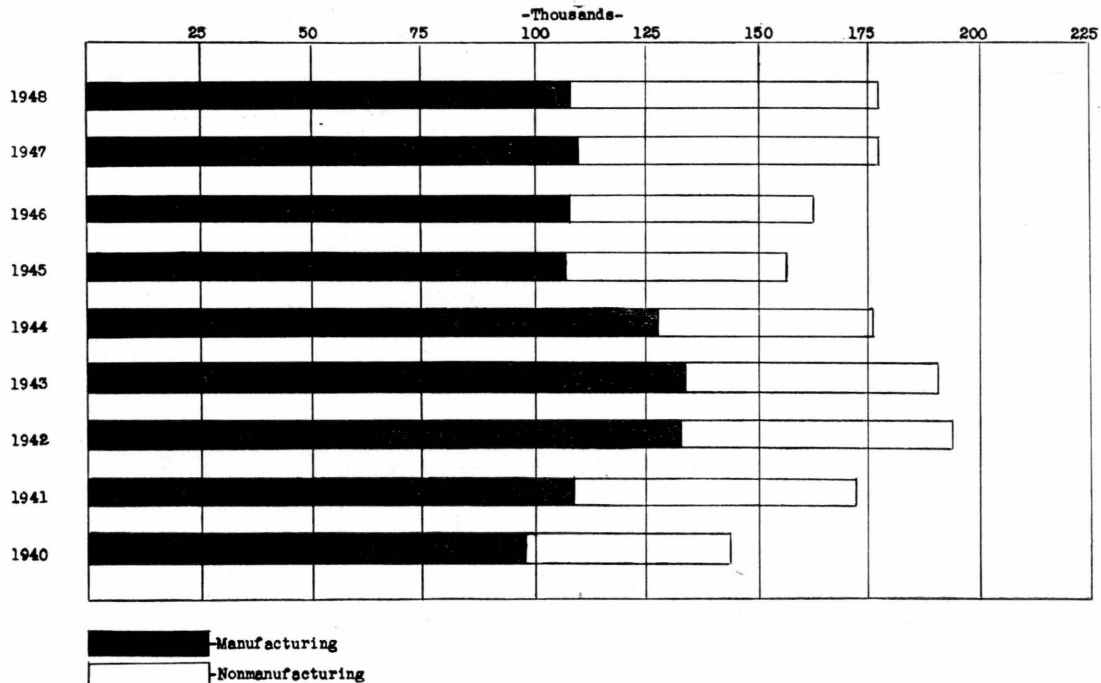
During the year 350 refunds were issued to employers amounting to \$22,360.54.

Monthly Employment in Establishments Covered under UC Law, 1947

TABLE I

INDUSTRY	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
TOTAL.....	171,754	170,156	169,814	166,865	167,025	172,256	178,615	185,684	184,984	179,866	179,799	180,828
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.....	542	477	500	558	656	678	761	771	779	813	873	856
Mining and Quarrying.....	262	244	268	325	373	392	456	445	464	464	463	412
Construction.....	6,387	5,811	6,000	7,658	8,904	10,326	10,744	11,052	11,220	10,734	9,996	8,606
Manufacturing.....	112,053	111,382	110,650	103,891	103,202	105,256	109,364	115,698	116,023	112,437	112,874	113,830
Food and Kindred Products.....	6,379	5,855	7,203	6,153	6,586	7,014	11,336	16,151	15,319	11,090	9,530	8,058
Textile-mill Products.....	29,639	28,887	28,076	27,314	26,741	26,857	26,035	26,891	27,566	27,618	28,333	29,113
Apparel and Other Products.....	2,017	2,136	2,100	2,006	1,963	1,905	1,878	1,865	1,897	1,974	1,955	1,954
Lumber and Wood Products.....	22,875	22,686	21,079	17,372	18,203	18,941	18,554	18,265	17,840	17,882	19,191	19,842
Furniture and Fixtures.....	623	608	601	599	619	653	754	765	769	821	844	979
Paper and Allied Products.....	17,760	17,668	17,271	17,336	17,872	18,422	18,198	18,593	18,781	18,859	18,443	18,519
Printing and Publishing.....	1,538	1,561	1,560	1,583	1,587	1,601	1,629	1,615	1,609	1,604	1,616	1,631
Chemicals and Allied Products.....	733	743	765	871	913	816	802	781	769	694	767	778
Rubber Products.....	326	316	313	275	225	201	174	128	147	162	170	149
Leather and Leather Products.....	16,784	16,909	17,129	15,525	13,736	13,759	14,862	15,667	16,310	16,885	16,932	17,569
Stone, Clay and Glass Products.....	888	898	934	964	806	1,063	1,059	1,046	1,001	942	908	898
Primary Metal Products.....	647	649	657	644	591	586	539	504	475	464	441	408
Fabricated Metal Products.....	1,810	1,785	1,799	1,763	1,758	1,805	2,002	2,326	2,614	2,636	2,766	2,805
Machinery (except electrical).....	6,067	5,989	6,179	6,282	6,343	6,370	6,488	6,343	6,680	6,635	6,917	6,989
Scientific Instruments.....	115	119	107	104	93	99	99	104	105	109	109	111
Other Manufacturing.....	3,852	4,573	4,877	5,100	5,166	5,164	4,955	4,654	4,141	4,062	3,952	4,027
Transportation, Communication and Other Public Utilities.....	9,853	10,022	9,867	11,108	10,080	10,196	10,378	10,415	10,363	10,042	10,192	10,139
Wholesale and Retail Trade.....	30,509	30,147	30,346	30,755	30,855	31,480	31,946	32,234	32,254	32,425	32,970	34,776
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate.....	3,812	3,809	3,851	3,904	3,923	3,972	3,978	4,005	3,980	3,964	3,967	3,959
Service Industries.....	8,336	8,264	8,332	8,666	9,032	9,956	10,988	11,064	9,901	8,987	8,464	8,250

**AVERAGE MONTHLY COVERED EMPLOYMENT IN MANUFACTURING
AND NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
1940-1948**



1948 average based on data for first nine months of year.

GRAPH VI

Total Wages Paid in Covered Employment in 1947 by Industry

TABLE II

INDUSTRY	Total for Year	QUARTER			
		First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
TOTAL	\$408,714,348	\$96,329,805	\$96,045,925	\$103,979,218	\$112,359,400
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	1,536,269	254,520	331,927	446,743	503,079
Mining and Quarrying	974,439	152,845	221,782	281,525	318,287
Construction	25,096,656	3,734,178	5,852,041	7,916,990	7,593,447
Manufacturing:	261,230,189	64,521,622	61,331,861	65,119,955	70,256,751
Food and Kindred Products	19,056,763	3,562,147	3,559,944	6,665,948	5,268,724
Textile-mill Products	66,010,203	16,924,862	16,391,150	15,170,094	17,524,097
Apparel and Other Products	3,364,164	828,126	833,646	777,038	925,354
Lumber and Wood Products	39,728,517	11,497,795	8,826,812	9,169,856	10,234,054
Furniture and Fixtures	1,461,434	313,408	337,017	370,197	440,812
Paper and Allied Products	53,922,826	12,504,359	12,526,896	14,192,153	14,699,418
Printing and Publishing	4,175,069	956,749	995,884	1,035,520	1,186,916
Chemicals and Allied Products	1,911,494	438,193	555,907	446,286	471,108
Rubber Products	451,806	162,174	113,594	75,050	100,988
Leather and Leather Products	33,108,392	8,606,812	7,210,687	7,879,487	9,411,406
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	2,249,293	494,478	553,322	618,667	582,826
Primary Metal Products	1,624,039	444,299	452,016	346,473	381,251
Fabricated Metal Products	5,327,559	1,095,828	1,093,512	1,395,561	1,742,658
Machinery (except electrical)	17,425,170	4,115,086	4,661,733	4,121,210	4,527,141
Scientific Instruments	252,848	70,142	59,410	63,057	60,239
Other Manufacturing	11,160,612	2,507,164	3,160,331	2,793,358	2,699,759
Transportation, Communication, and Other Public Utilities	24,385,002	5,653,717	5,966,427	6,191,598	6,573,260
Wholesale and Retail Trade	70,696,368	16,395,098	16,359,436	17,371,325	20,570,509
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	10,004,651	2,372,620	2,406,134	2,424,749	2,801,148
Service Industries	14,790,774	3,245,205	3,576,317	4,226,333	3,742,919

There were 2,985 employer accounts eligible to be computed for a "Contribution Rate" as of July 1, 1948. Fifteen hundred three employer accounts did not have sufficient experience to be computed.

Of the 2,985 employer accounts computed 2,688 or 90.1% were eligible to make contributions at a rate lower than the maximum of 2.7%.

Based on experience the Commission recommends continuance of the present formula for contribution rates.

This table shows the 2,985 rated accounts by size of annual payroll:

Analysis of Rated Employer Accounts by Size of Annual Payroll and Rate Class, for July 1, 1948-June 30, 1949
Rate Period

TABLE III

Payroll Category	Rated Employers	Rate of Contributions						
		0.9%	1.2%	1.5%	1.8%	2.1%	2.4%	2.7%
Less than \$5,000	484	274	49	27	10	18	3	103
\$5,000 to \$9,999	276	134	36	27	25	18	7	29
\$10,000 to \$19,999	540	176	110	111	54	27	19	43
\$20,000 to \$49,999	859	255	207	181	97	50	23	46
\$50,000 to \$99,999	393	96	74	99	61	26	6	31
\$100,000 to \$999,999	385	77	62	88	52	47	14	45
\$1,000,000 and over	48	8	12	12	12	3	1	—
TOTAL	2,985	1,020	550	545	311	189	73	297

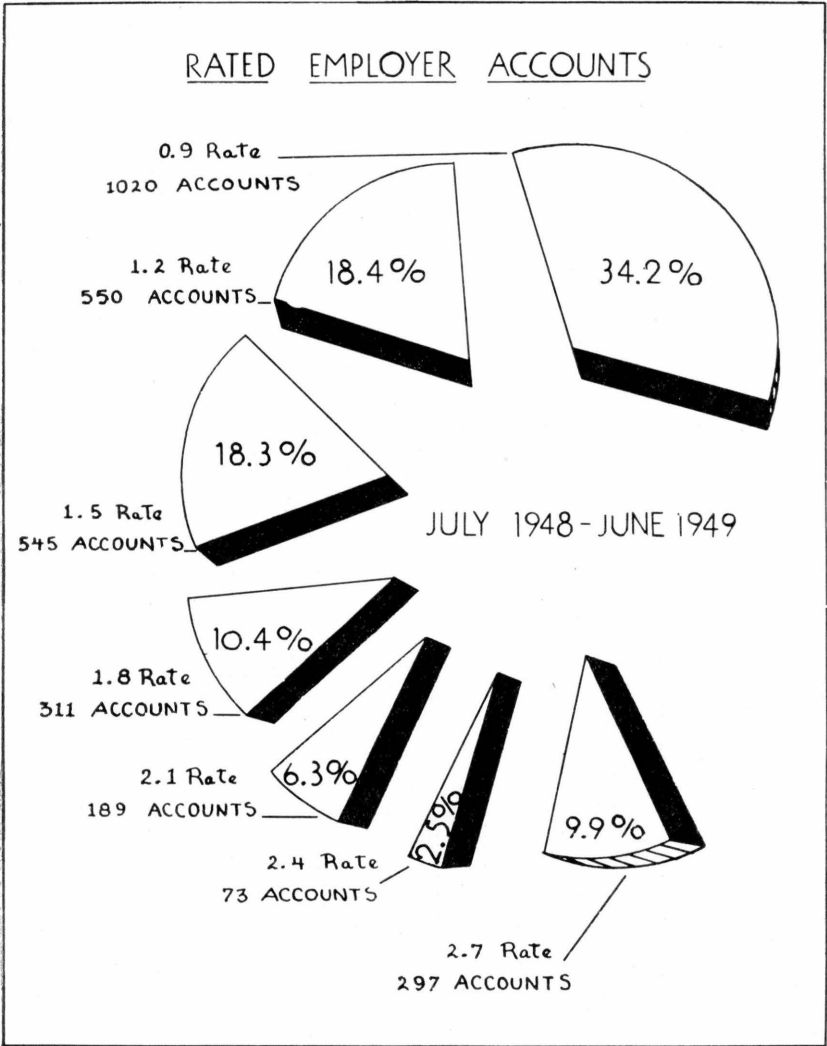
The following table reflects the number of accounts by rate in each industry:

**Analysis by Industry and by Rate Class of Employer Accounts Rated at the Start of the
Experience Rating Period, July 1, 1948-June 30, 1949**

TABLE IV

INDUSTRY	Total	0.9%	1.2%	1.5%	1.8%	2.1%	2.4%	2.7%
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	2,985	1,020	550	545	311	189	73	297
Agriculture.....	4	—	—	1	1	—	—	2
Forestry.....	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
Anthracite Mining.....	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bituminous and Other Soft-Coal Mining.....	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	1
Nonmetallic mining and quarrying.....	9	1	2	2	—	—	1	3
Building construction—general contractors.....	57	8	3	5	6	15	9	11
General contractors, other than building.....	23	7	1	3	4	2	3	3
Construction—special-trade contractors.....	84	19	4	10	8	10	8	25
Food and kindred products.....	144	23	22	22	8	9	4	56
Tobacco manufactures.....	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Textile-mill products.....	60	—	8	13	12	10	3	14
Apparel and other finished products.....	21	5	1	9	2	3	—	1
Lumber and wood products.....	316	68	41	86	61	30	9	21
Furniture and fixtures.....	11	2	4	1	3	1	—	—
Paper and allied products.....	28	11	8	6	1	—	—	2
Printing, publishing and allied industries.....	36	23	5	5	1	—	—	2
Chemicals and allied products.....	28	4	5	2	7	4	1	5
Rubber products.....	4	1	—	2	1	—	—	—
Leather and leather products.....	70	5	11	10	15	13	4	12
Stone, clay, and glass products.....	13	3	—	3	2	1	2	2
Primary metal industries.....	9	3	3	2	1	—	—	—
Fabricated metal products.....	22	5	3	4	6	1	1	2
Machinery (except electrical).....	23	8	4	6	2	—	—	3
Transportation equipment.....	27	12	3	4	—	4	—	4
Professional and scientific instruments.....	5	2	1	2	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous manufacturing industries.....	13	5	2	1	1	—	—	4
Local railways and bus lines.....	9	1	4	2	—	2	—	—
Trucking and warehousing for hire.....	57	16	16	12	8	2	2	1
Other transportation, except water transportation.....	14	2	1	7	3	—	—	1
Water transportation.....	6	1	1	1	1	1	—	1
Services allied to transportation, N. E. C.....	11	—	—	—	1	—	—	10
Communication.....	17	2	8	7	—	—	—	—

INDUSTRY	Total	0.9%	1.2%	1.5%	1.8%	2.1%	2.4%	2.7%
Utilities	24	15	5	2	2	—	—	—
Local utilities and public services, N. E. C.	35	30	2	1	—	2	—	—
Full-service and limited-function wholesalers	190	87	36	43	13	4	3	4
Wholesale distributors	324	201	51	31	8	16	2	15
Wholesale and retail trade combined, N. E. C.	67	24	13	16	7	4	1	2
Retail general merchandise	57	15	20	16	5	—	—	1
Retail food and liquor stores	70	22	16	18	9	3	—	2
Retail automotive	90	35	23	19	8	4	—	1
Retail apparel and accessories	91	29	27	14	13	4	1	3
Retail trade, N. E. C.	212	76	53	46	16	7	2	12
Eating and drinking places	110	17	24	26	21	11	3	8
Retail filling stations	10	2	1	3	1	—	1	2
Banks and trust companies	68	38	22	7	—	—	—	1
Security dealers and investment banking	21	18	1	1	—	1	—	—
Finance agencies, N. E. C.	17	13	2	2	—	—	—	—
Insurance carriers	77	58	8	3	4	—	—	4
Insurance agents, brokers, and services	13	4	5	1	3	—	—	—
Real estate	36	11	6	4	4	2	2	7
Real estate, insurance, loans, law offices	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Holding companies	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, etc.	83	4	11	20	13	9	4	22
Personal services	77	15	17	21	14	3	1	6
Business services, N. E. C.	31	12	7	6	2	1	1	2
Employment agencies and commercial and trade schools	5	4	1	—	—	—	—	—
Automobile repair services and garages	27	5	7	2	7	1	3	2
Miscellaneous repair services and hand trades	8	2	2	1	1	1	—	1
Motion pictures	42	22	16	2	1	1	—	—
Amusement, recreation and related services, N. E. C.	30	7	3	4	2	6	—	8
Medical and other health services	9	1	2	4	1	—	—	1
Law offices and related services	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Educational institutions and agencies	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Other professional and social service agencies	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Nonprofit membership organizations	21	8	5	3	1	—	—	4



GRAPH VII



Claims Section---Lewiston Office

The 1948 U. C. claim load as reported by local offices was 539,841, a substantial increase of 17.6% over the 459,057 for the previous year.

Initial Claims

During 1948 a total of 51,288 new initial claims were taken at the local office level, including initial claims taken as agent state for other State Agencies. This reflects an increase of 21.6% over the previous year. Of the new initial claims received by the Commission during the year, a total of 49,992 were filed against Maine, and potentially required determination. Of these 2,272 were disposed of without determination, and 1,245 were pending at the close of the year. Of the 47,964 initial claims determined, which included 1,489 pending at the first of year, 44,326, or 92.4% were found eligible on the basis of wages paid in 1947, and 3,638, or 7.6%, were found not eligible. Although the percentage of claimants determined not eligible in 1948 showed an appreciable increase over the 5.3% in 1947, the number of claimants found to be eligible increased by 20.8%.

Initial UC Claims Taken at Local Office Level, by Year, 1938 through 1948

TABLE V

Local Office	INITIAL CLAIMS TAKEN*										
	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1938
TOTAL.....	93,155	64,214	49,590	30,895	14,304	14,627	33,816	56,457	104,726	104,037	120,708
Augusta.....	7,193	4,497	3,953	1,646	1,040	1,687	2,221	3,659	7,363	6,882	5,421
Bangor.....	6,608	5,567	2,448	1,488	960	1,454	4,319	7,133	13,953	13,738	13,724
Bath.....	4,453	2,709	5,520	1,219	94	116	399	1,033	2,066	1,819	3,433
Biddeford.....	3,289	1,799	2,632	1,205	892	791	1,761	3,847	9,847	9,861	10,730
Calais.....	3,895	5,062	4,494	3,345	2,970	2,969	3,791	3,621	6,768	5,131	5,945
Caribou.....	1,659	1,212	1,270	428	227	377	2,630	5,358	6,821	6,903	7,683
Ellsworth**.....	1,377	1,471	836	467	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,688
Houlton†.....	425	188	146	55	33	47	671	—	—	—	1,050
Lewiston.....	25,128	14,669	8,827	7,323	2,652	1,723	5,127	10,835	21,562	22,956	20,304
Machias††.....	4,209	949	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Portland.....	11,259	9,216	11,354	9,329	2,012	1,576	4,041	7,795	11,924	11,419	13,498
Rockland.....	4,392	4,298	2,696	1,520	645	607	1,496	2,263	5,280	4,077	6,342
Rumford.....	2,114	1,279	903	353	285	469	1,246	1,904	2,945	3,141	3,671
Sanford.....	9,492	4,929	1,490	722	899	1,694	3,141	4,593	7,710	8,465	6,100
Skowhegan.....	4,499	4,314	1,560	960	766	482	1,118	2,348	4,065	4,932	4,792
Waterville.....	3,163	2,055	1,461	835	829	635	1,855	2,068	4,422	4,713	6,879
Norway†.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,704
Farmington†.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,610
Millinocket†.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	597
Dover-Foxcroft†.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,140
Fort Kent†.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,397

*Includes "new" and "additional" initial claims.

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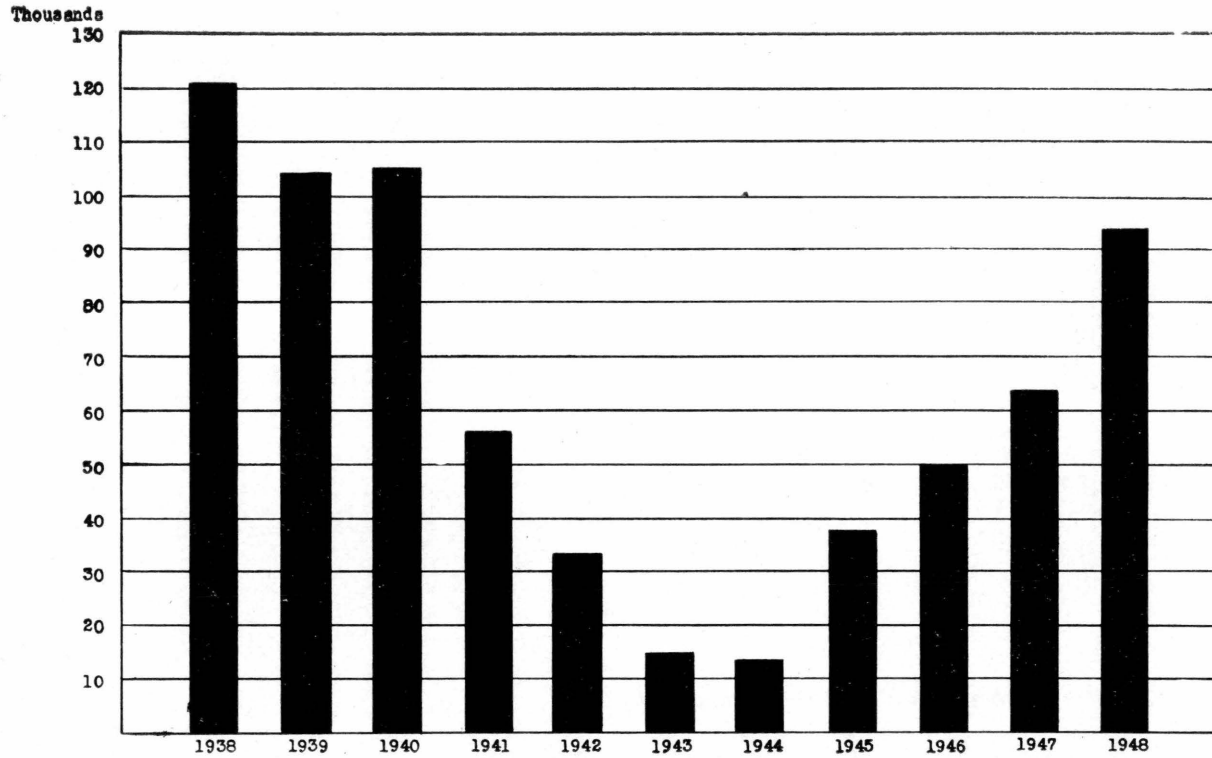
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INITIAL U C CLAIMS TAKEN IN LOCAL OFFICES

1938 - 1948



GRAPH VIII

Continued UC Claims Taken at Local Office Level, by Year, 1938 through 1948

TABLE VI

Local Office	CONTINUED CLAIMS TAKEN*										
	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1938
TOTAL.....	443,600	393,287	401,934	147,856	41,759	59,034	162,582	256,269	679,532	656,699	778,398
Augusta.....	25,020	22,910	22,144	3,823	1,824	3,558	11,356	16,907	47,296	43,306	38,860
Bangor.....	38,735	42,392	18,844	8,985	3,980	8,907	23,428	33,989	76,859	89,178	88,395
Bath.....	28,318	20,429	57,825	3,938	331	598	2,650	5,472	12,794	10,819	17,797
Biddeford.....	15,148	9,629	11,634	3,633	1,664	1,369	4,853	12,533	52,394	48,380	78,684
Calais.....	22,977	50,539	40,427	23,102	11,542	19,909	19,352	16,254	44,578	32,399	38,273
Caribou.....	6,230	8,167	10,012	2,973	1,058	1,813	9,759	21,586	36,256	47,870	46,859
Ellsworth**.....	10,045	12,370	7,349	1,614	—	—	—	—	—	—	14,208
Houlton†.....	1,817	1,116	1,507	512	154	293	2,462	—	—	—	4,336
Lewiston.....	89,016	59,418	44,214	20,815	5,466	4,355	23,458	49,581	159,086	137,386	118,171
Machias††.....	21,684	1,762	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Portland.....	78,046	70,504	138,717	59,158	4,299	4,378	22,677	41,714	82,622	80,482	80,229
Rockland.....	25,886	25,283	19,363	6,090	2,531	3,431	8,283	10,038	33,485	27,845	36,203
Rumford.....	12,675	6,597	6,551	2,129	1,166	2,278	7,542	8,107	16,102	19,487	25,906
Sanford.....	27,508	21,637	4,619	1,744	1,566	2,974	11,692	20,319	52,805	55,577	67,480
Skowhegan.....	22,981	28,282	9,001	5,162	3,096	2,036	6,573	8,833	33,059	35,110	30,648
Waterville.....	17,514	12,252	9,727	4,178	3,082	3,135	8,497	10,936	32,196	28,860	47,567
Norway‡.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15,462
Farmington‡.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,826
Millinocket‡.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,689
Dover-Foxcroft‡.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14,722
Fort Kent‡.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,083

*Includes "waiting period" and "compensable" claims.

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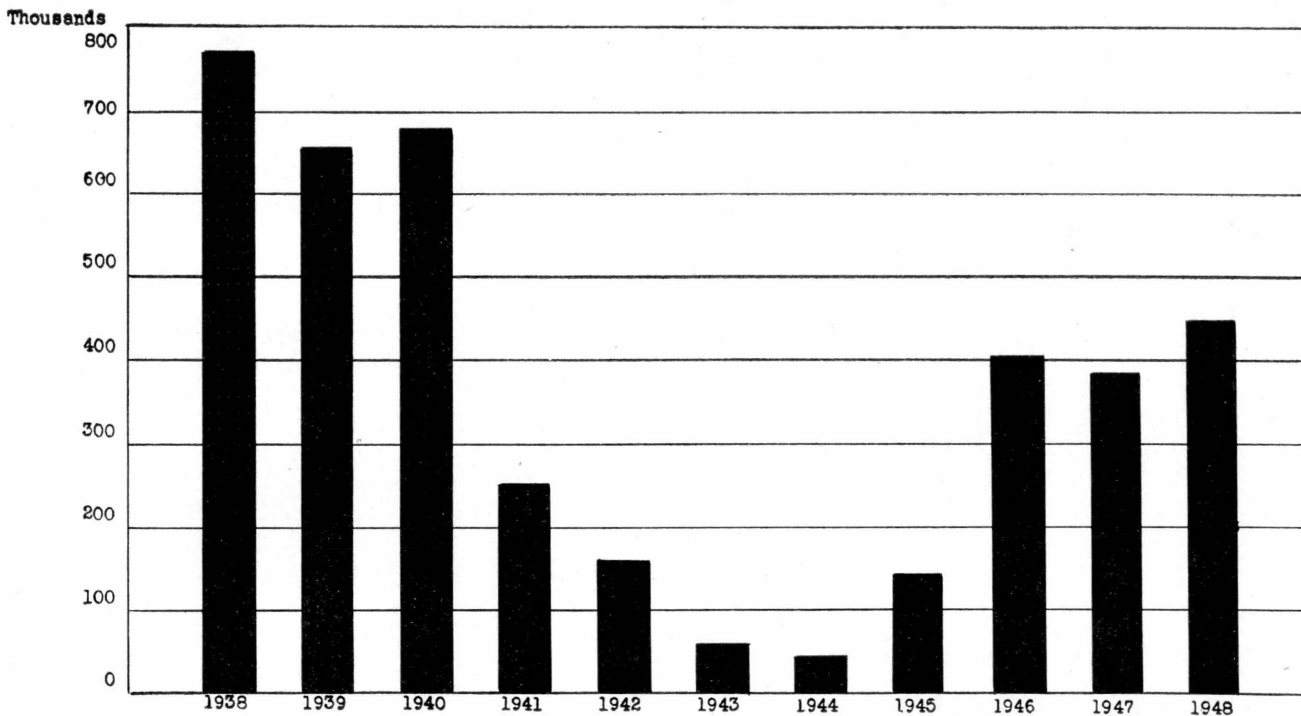
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CONTINUED U C CLAIMS TAKEN IN LOCAL OFFICES

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GRAPH IX

Benefit Payments

During 1948 a total of 382,318 benefit checks were issued in a gross amount of \$5,487,849.00. These figures reflect an increase over the previous year of 12.4% in the number of checks issued and 22.7% in the total amount paid. The disproportionate percentage increase in the amount paid as compared with the percentage increase in number of checks issued is largely due to the increased benefit rates established by regulation of the Commission. The average check issued during 1948 was written for \$14.36, which reflects an increase of 9.1% over the \$13.16 average for 1947. A greater increase in the amount of the average payment would have been experienced were it not for the fact that 15.1% of all payments made in 1948 were for partial unemployment, as against 11.3% partial payments in 1947. As a matter of fact the 1948 average check for total unemployment was \$14.87.

During 1948 a total of 38,370 claimants continued to file for their waiting period plus one or more compensable claims. This number is equivalent to 86.6% of the number of claimants determined eligible during the same period. While this is a slightly lower percentage than for 1947, it is substantially higher than the overall experience since the inception of the Unemployment Compensation Program. The claimants who exhausted their benefit rights during this year totalled 7,214, representing 16.3% of all claimants found eligible during the same period, and 19.3% of the number of claimants who received one or more payments. The percentages of exhaustions show no appreciable variation from the experience of the previous calendar year.

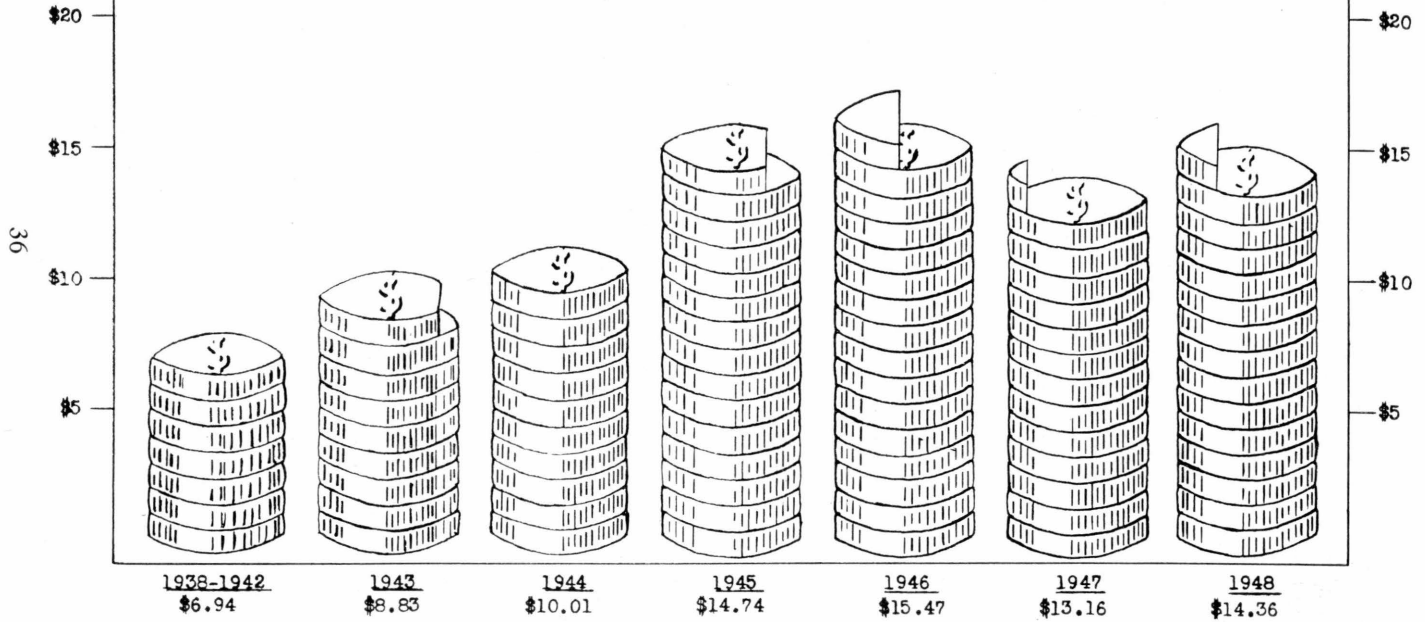
Benefit Payments Issued under UC Program, by Month, by Type of Unemployment, 1948

TABLE VII

MONTH	All Payments		Type of Unemployment			
	No. of Payments	Amount*	Total		Partial	
			No. of Payments	Amount*	No. of Payments	Amount*
TOTAL	382,318	\$5,487,849	324,680	\$4,829,337	57,638	\$658,512
January	30,631	394,573	26,740	353,495	3,891	41,078
February	29,124	385,944	26,857	361,767	2,267	24,177
March	31,274	435,790	28,595	408,032	2,679	27,758
April	33,122	480,662	29,638	426,579	3,484	54,083
May	48,448	702,440	42,692	635,126	5,756	67,314
June	42,700	620,812	35,029	533,532	7,671	87,280
July	30,681	458,036	27,033	416,077	3,648	41,959
August	23,541	358,500	20,811	327,288	2,730	31,212
September	20,141	297,464	16,617	260,849	3,524	36,615
October	19,201	290,727	15,214	246,915	3,987	43,812
November	29,448	428,703	21,149	335,929	8,299	92,774
December	44,007	634,198	34,305	523,748	9,702	110,450

*Includes the amounts of War Shipping Administration payments chargeable to the Unemployment Compensation fund.

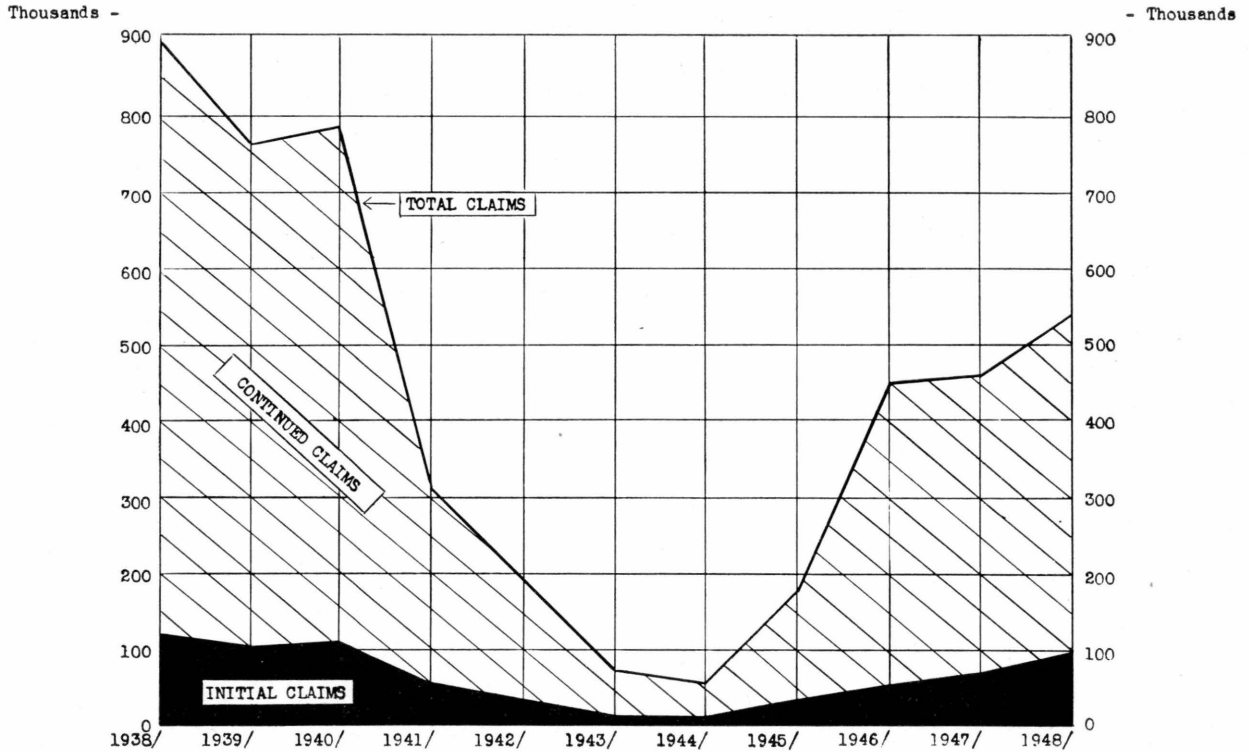
AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT PAYMENTS
In Each Year, 1943 - 1948, Compared To
Average Weekly Payment For
Five Year Period, 1938 - 1942



GRAPH X

LOCAL OFFICE U C CLAIMS LOAD

1938 - 1948



GRAPH XI

Interstate

As of April 1, 1948, the Commission subscribed to an Interstate Arrangement with seventeen other State Agencies whereby the Agency of the State wherein a claimant is currently residing acts as the paying agent for the State in which the claimant's wage credits were earned.

Under this program a total of 153 initial claims were received during 1948 from other State Agencies, on which potential payments were to be made by other State Agencies as agents for Maine. During the year a total of \$20,504.00 was paid to claimants filing in Maine against other participating States.

The Commission paid to other State Agencies during the year a total of \$8,719.00 as reimbursement for benefits paid by them on Maine's behalf.

Under the regular Interstate program a total of 1,190 new initial claims were received during 1948. During the same period 6,749 payments totalling \$96,748.00 were made.

These figures do not lend themselves to comparison with those for prior years due to the modification of the Interstate program by the adoption of the Interstate Arrangement by approximately one-third of all State Agencies.

War Shipping Administration

A total of 2,357 WSA payments were issued during 1948, which were payable from Federal Funds in a total amount of \$34,819.00. While this reflects approximately double the number of WSA payments over 1947, this was to be expected, as the WSA program was in effect only during the last six months of that year.

Initial WSA Claims Taken by Local Office, 1948

TABLE VIII

<i>Local Office</i>	<i>Initial Claims Taken</i>
TOTAL.....	558
Augusta.....	10
Bangor.....	23
Bath.....	38
Biddeford.....	57
Calais.....	9
Caribou.....	8
Ellsworth.....	4
Houlton.....	—
Lewiston.....	17
Machias.....	6
Portland.....	331
Rockland.....	18
Rumford.....	7
Sanford.....	5
Skowhegan.....	8
Waterville.....	17

Continued WSA Claims Taken by Local Office, 1948

TABLE IX

<i>Local Office</i>	<i>Continued Claims Taken</i>
TOTAL.....	2,528
Augusta.....	36
Bangor.....	72
Bath.....	189
Biddeford.....	289
Calais.....	70
Caribou.....	13
Ellsworth.....	24
Houlton.....	1
Lewiston.....	97
Machias.....	50
Portland.....	1,439
Rockland.....	142
Rumford.....	6
Sanford.....	25
Skowhegan.....	37
Waterville.....	38

Benefit Payments Issued under WSA Program, by Month, by Type, 1948

TABLE X

MONTH	All Payments		Type of Unemployment			
			Total		Partial	
	No. of Payments	Amount*	No. of Payments	Amount*	No. of Payments	Amount*
TOTAL	2,357	\$34,819	2,320	\$34,525	37	\$294
January	353	5,195	349	5,154	4	41
February	390	5,701	388	5,684	2	17
March	417	6,470	409	6,401	8	69
April	252	3,907	242	3,866	10	41
May	190	2,423	187	2,397	3	26
June	136	1,743	135	1,733	1	10
July	117	1,690	115	1,668	2	22
August	104	1,626	104	1,626	—	—
September	97	1,388	95	1,367	2	21
October	90	1,471	89	1,464	1	7
November	86	1,293	83	1,255	3	38
December	125	1,912	124	1,910	1	2

*Excludes the amounts of War Shipping Administration payments chargeable to the Unemployment Compensation fund.

Amount of Benefit Payments Issued under UC-WSA-IA Programs, by Industry, by Month, 1948*

TABLE XI

INDUSTRY	Total	MONTH OF											
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES . .	\$5,522,668	\$399,768	\$391,645	\$442,260	\$484,569	\$704,863	\$622,555	\$459,726	\$360,126	\$298,852	\$292,198	\$429,996	\$636,110
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	65,263	6,329	7,474	9,656	6,444	5,365	3,990	4,350	3,590	3,402	2,823	4,550	7,350
Mining and Quarrying	15,447	2,041	2,658	2,480	1,547	1,409	1,411	1,304	915	615	242	139	686
Construction	415,244	38,419	56,047	71,082	46,125	40,635	29,639	22,870	17,148	14,543	12,508	20,258	45,970
Manufacturing:	4,150,608	289,378	255,349	284,827	369,021	571,839	501,791	347,571	256,588	213,987	220,704	344,834	494,719
Ordnance and Accessories	474	64	40	166	96	74	—	—	—	—	—	34	—
Food and Kindred Products	769,357	105,873	82,618	43,365	73,782	128,070	70,359	35,294	16,391	16,691	16,423	53,856	126,635
Tobacco Manufacturers	1,720	193	152	168	128	196	170	166	222	95	97	—	133
Textile-mill Products	1,049,014	45,473	36,109	48,523	75,062	132,575	135,239	92,494	73,921	70,321	101,878	116,392	121,027
Apparel and Other Products	66,768	5,139	4,448	3,546	3,905	5,850	9,492	9,562	5,435	4,343	3,563	4,021	7,464
Lumber and Wood Products	410,148	31,704	34,772	47,521	50,959	56,211	39,838	34,015	26,412	20,758	15,589	19,151	33,218
Furniture and Fixtures	59,193	5,449	4,554	5,704	4,945	6,828	7,163	5,925	4,468	3,826	2,585	3,156	4,589
Paper and Allied Products	234,792	13,614	13,240	19,636	24,825	29,559	26,586	22,239	22,965	14,261	9,261	14,691	23,915
Printing and Publishing	7,432	322	443	481	432	726	852	635	748	701	524	641	927
Chemicals and Allied Products	15,581	1,447	1,135	1,004	1,203	1,333	1,117	1,277	1,537	1,621	876	1,238	1,793
Products of Petroleum & Coal	2,222	663	492	252	120	175	61	—	—	—	12	151	296
Rubber Products	17,126	1,742	1,574	2,013	1,675	1,876	2,323	2,229	1,360	902	347	416	669
Leather and Leather Products	981,784	34,671	25,040	46,951	79,306	146,084	153,532	97,138	64,877	50,677	48,297	104,227	130,984
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	18,832	1,992	2,122	2,437	1,538	1,489	1,421	1,668	1,657	1,245	743	658	1,862
Primary Metal Products	18,824	2,591	3,306	3,175	1,985	1,617	1,485	1,135	1,496	961	346	222	505
Fabricated Metal Products	185,447	25,528	27,766	29,131	17,045	17,323	15,126	11,983	9,802	7,720	5,957	7,045	11,021
Machinery (except electrical)	46,852	1,459	2,171	2,784	3,259	5,428	4,637	5,226	4,066	3,206	2,821	4,205	7,590
Electrical Machinery	2,350	24	—	71	179	383	388	263	248	173	95	273	253
Transportation Equipment	240,629	9,960	13,829	26,079	26,848	33,934	29,599	23,643	19,110	14,563	9,522	13,239	20,303
Scientific Instruments	2,250	68	89	134	181	238	350	318	150	352	82	77	211
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	19,813	1,402	1,449	1,686	1,548	1,869	2,053	2,361	1,723	1,571	1,686	1,141	1,324
Transportation, Communication and Other Public Utilities	235,711	17,611	18,086	16,013	15,886	23,372	22,192	21,394	24,184	19,493	19,124	16,285	22,071
Wholesale and Retail Trade	429,560	31,468	35,787	40,301	31,571	43,061	44,528	43,117	40,127	31,544	23,139	25,429	39,488
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	32,306	2,073	2,556	2,939	2,612	3,096	3,460	3,287	2,981	2,673	1,894	1,813	2,922
Service Industries	158,025	12,449	13,688	14,962	11,363	15,009	14,086	13,310	12,463	9,897	8,796	12,653	19,349
Interstate Arrangement†	20,504	—	—	—	—	1,077	1,458	2,523	2,190	2,698	2,968	4,035	3,555

*The total amount of benefits issued is broken down according to the industries from which claimants separated prior to receiving their first benefit checks in the portions of the benefit years represented.

†Industry not designated.

Servicemen's Readjustment Allowances

The continued process of readjustment of Veterans into economic and industrial life is reflected in the 1948 decrease in the SRA claim load, which decrease had already begun in 1947. The aggregate 1948 SRA claim load in local offices was 256,189, indicating a 30.7% decrease from the previous year. The decrease was also in a minor degree attributable to the 2,122 SRA claimants who exhausted or terminated entitlement during the year.

During 1948 there were 5,308 Veterans who filed applications for allowances. This was a decrease of 45.5% from the number of Veterans who filed applications in the previous year. As of the close of the calendar year a total of 56,635 Veterans had filed applications for Readjustment Allowances, and 52,051, or 91.9% of them had drawn one or more payments. As of the same date, a total of 4,787 Veterans had exhausted or terminated their rights to allowances. This number constitutes 8.45% of all Veterans who, up to that time, had filed applications in Maine for Readjustment Allowances.

The total number of weekly SRA payments made during the year was 209,519, a decrease of 32.4% from 1947. The amount paid out during the year totalled \$4,135,224.00, reflecting a nearly identical decrease of 32.7% from the previous year. In addition to these weekly payments, 2,918 monthly payments were made to self-employed Veterans in a total amount of \$263,704.00. These figures reflect decreases of 46.1% and 46.5% in number and amount, respectively, from the corresponding figures for 1947.

Applications and Claims for Servicemen's Readjustment Allowances, by Local Office, by Type, 1948

TABLE XII

Local Office	Applications for Entitlement	Claims for Unemployment Allowances		Claims for Self-Employment Allowances	
		Initial	Continued	New	Additional
TOTAL	5,308	33,025	214,980	438	2,438
Augusta	7	1,531	12,266	24	150
Bangor	1,033	4,602	29,447	19	252
Bath	289	1,909	16,100	41	231
Biddeford	270	1,810	9,880	24	94
Calais	78	630	5,571	4	40
Caribou	371	2,437	13,693	52	298
Ellsworth	182	733	5,962	46	308
Houlton	180	846	5,023	27	187
Lewiston	586	4,919	26,648	38	185
Machias	74	707	5,626	2	20
Portland	1,001	6,413	41,779	26	154
Rockland	286	1,820	14,325	12	160
Rumford	242	627	3,781	26	73
Sanford	197	829	5,442	5	37
Skowhegan	261	1,565	9,021	28	44
Waterville	251	1,647	10,416	64	205

Allowances Paid under SRA Program, by Month, by Type, 1948

TABLE XIII

MONTH	All Payments		Unemployment Allowances				Self-Employment	
	Number	Amount	Normal		Ill-Disabled		Number	Amount
			Number	Amount	Number	Amount		
TOTAL	212,437	\$4,398,928	207,949	\$4,103,878	1,570	\$31,346	2,918	\$263,704
January	24,138	498,437	23,696	468,513	136	2,720	306	27,204
February	26,206	540,663	25,780	511,210	131	2,620	295	26,833
March	31,519	651,975	30,946	613,191	190	3,800	383	34,984
April	30,631	630,008	30,121	596,228	174	3,480	336	30,300
May	18,922	389,230	18,522	364,762	161	3,220	239	21,248
June	13,290	278,670	12,893	253,120	148	2,960	249	22,590
July	12,883	274,127	12,509	246,133	92	1,840	282	26,154
August	9,785	210,214	9,467	186,503	75	1,500	243	22,211
September	9,520	201,792	9,229	181,711	85	1,646	206	18,435
October	6,937	145,147	6,685	130,508	111	2,220	141	12,419
November	9,942	201,488	9,709	190,086	133	2,660	100	8,742
December	18,664	377,177	18,392	361,913	134	2,680	138	12,584

Claims Load by Local Office, 1948

TABLE XIV

Local Office	Total Claims Taken		UC and WSA Claims Taken*		SRA Applications and Claims Taken	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
TOTAL	796,030	100.0	539,841	100.0	256,189	100.0
Augusta	46,237	5.8	32,259	6.0	13,978	5.5
Bangor	80,791	10.1	45,438	8.4	35,353	13.8
Bath	51,568	6.5	32,998	6.1	18,570	7.2
Biddeford	30,861	3.9	18,783	3.5	12,078	4.7
Calais	33,274	4.2	26,951	5.0	6,323	2.5
Caribou	24,761	3.1	7,910	1.5	16,851	6.6
Ellsworth	18,681	2.3	11,450	2.1	7,231	2.8
Houlton	8,506	1.1	2,243	0.4	6,263	2.4
Lewiston	146,634	18.4	114,258	21.2	32,376	12.6
Machias	32,378	4.1	25,949	4.8	6,429	2.5
Portland	140,448	17.6	91,075	16.9	49,373	19.3
Rockland	47,041	5.9	30,438	5.6	16,603	6.5
Rumford	19,551	2.5	14,802	2.7	4,749	1.9
Sanford	43,540	5.5	37,030	6.9	6,510	2.5
Skowhegan	38,444	4.8	27,525	5.1	10,919	4.3
Waterville	33,315	4.2	20,732	3.8	12,583	4.9

*Includes 3,086 WSA claims.

Summary of Benefit Payments in 1948*

TABLE XV

MONTH	TOTAL		UC PAYMENTS		WSA PAYMENTS		SRA PAYMENTS	
	Number of Payments	Amount of Payments	Number of Payments	Amount of Payments†	Number of Payments	Amount of Payments†	Number of Payments	Amount of Payments
TOTAL	597,112	\$9,921,596	382,318	\$5,487,849	2,357	\$34,819	212,437	\$4,398,928
January	55,122	898,205	30,631	394,573	353	5,195	24,138	498,437
February	55,720	932,308	29,124	385,944	390	5,701	26,206	540,663
March	63,210	1,094,235	31,274	435,790	417	6,470	31,519	651,975
April	64,005	1,114,577	33,122	480,662	252	3,907	30,631	630,008
May	67,560	1,094,093	48,448	702,440	190	2,423	18,922	389,230
June	56,126	901,225	42,700	620,812	136	1,743	13,290	278,670
July	43,681	733,853	30,681	458,036	117	1,690	12,883	274,127
August	33,430	570,340	23,541	358,500	104	1,626	9,785	210,214
September	29,758	500,644	20,141	297,464	97	1,388	9,520	201,792
October	26,228	437,345	19,201	290,727	90	1,471	6,937	145,147
November	39,476	631,484	29,448	428,703	86	1,293	9,942	201,488
December	62,796	1,013,287	44,007	634,198	125	1,912	18,664	377,177

*All benefit checks issued, including supplemental and reissued checks, are summarized in this table.

†The amounts of UC funds paid to claimants determined eligible under the WSA program are included under the column "UC Payments."

Deputies' Decisions--UC

During the year 1948 claims deputies issued a total of 12,457 decisions on issues, other than labor disputes, affecting claimants' rights to benefits. This reflects an increase of 14.6% in number of decisions over 1947, and is in line with the increase in the claim load. It also reflects continued vigilance on the part of the local office personnel in screening out claimants who do not meet all eligibility requirements. The ratio of Deputies' Decisions to eligible claimants was 28.1%, slightly lower than last year's ratio. Of all decisions rendered, 7,726, or 62.02%, were in favor of the claimant, and 4,731, or 37.98%, were against the claimant. These percentages show no appreciable variation from the record for the previous year.

UC Decisions by Type of Case

TABLE XVI

Type of Case	Total Number	% of Total	Allowed		Disallowed or Disqualified	
			Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent
Voluntary Quit	5528	44.38%	4319	78.13%	1209	21.87%
Misconduct	1761	14.14%	983	55.82%	778	44.18%
Refusal to Accept or Apply	1375	11.04%	804	58.47%	571	41.53%
Able and Available	3562	28.59%	1591	44.67%	1971	55.33%
Misstatement	81	.65%	4	4.94%	77	95.06%
Other	150	1.20%	25	16.67%	125	83.33%
All Cases	12,457	100.00%	7726	62.02%	4731	37.98%

Analysis of the above table reveals no appreciable variation from previous years with respect to distribution by type of case, and the ratio of the number of cases allowed in relation to the number disallowed or disqualified is within approximately 1% of the comparable ratio for 1947. It is significant to note, however, that in 1948 approximately 22% of the cases involving the question of Ability and Availability for work were decided against the claimant, as compared with the 16% of similar cases disallowed during the year 1947.

Total disqualifications for the year aggregated 8,948 weeks, involving reductions in potential benefits amounting to a total of \$146,697.00. This reflects a significant increase over the previous year, namely 30.38% in number of weeks of disqualification, and 65.67% in reduction of benefits. As a result of Deputies' Decisions, overpayments were established during the year in a total amount of \$18,439.79. During the same period, recovery by restitution or offset was made in a total amount of \$13,734.00. The ratio of recovery to overpayments for the year was 74.48%, as compared to the comparable ratio of 53.14% for the preceding year, indicating a marked improvement with respect to recovery.

Not included in the above analysis are 41 Deputies' Decisions involving the question of Labor Disputes. All these decisions were against the claimant.

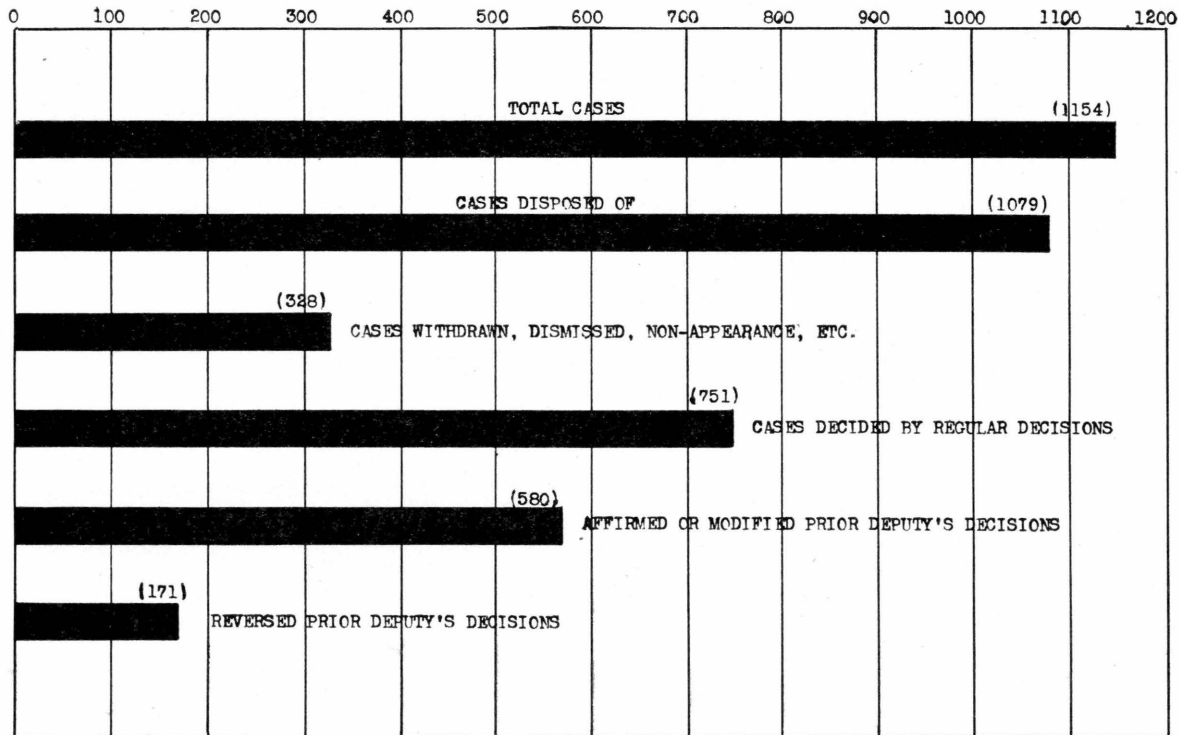
Appeal Tribunal

The following graph reveals the number of UC benefit cases appealed by employers and claimants from the Deputies' Decisions and disposition of same by the Appeal Tribunal.

It is interesting to note that 77.2% of the decisions rendered by the Appeal Tribunal affirmed or modified prior Deputies' Decisions, whereas only 22.8% of the Deputies' Decisions were reversed. Although the number of appeals increased due to the increased claim load, 85.2% of the cases were disposed of within sixty days.

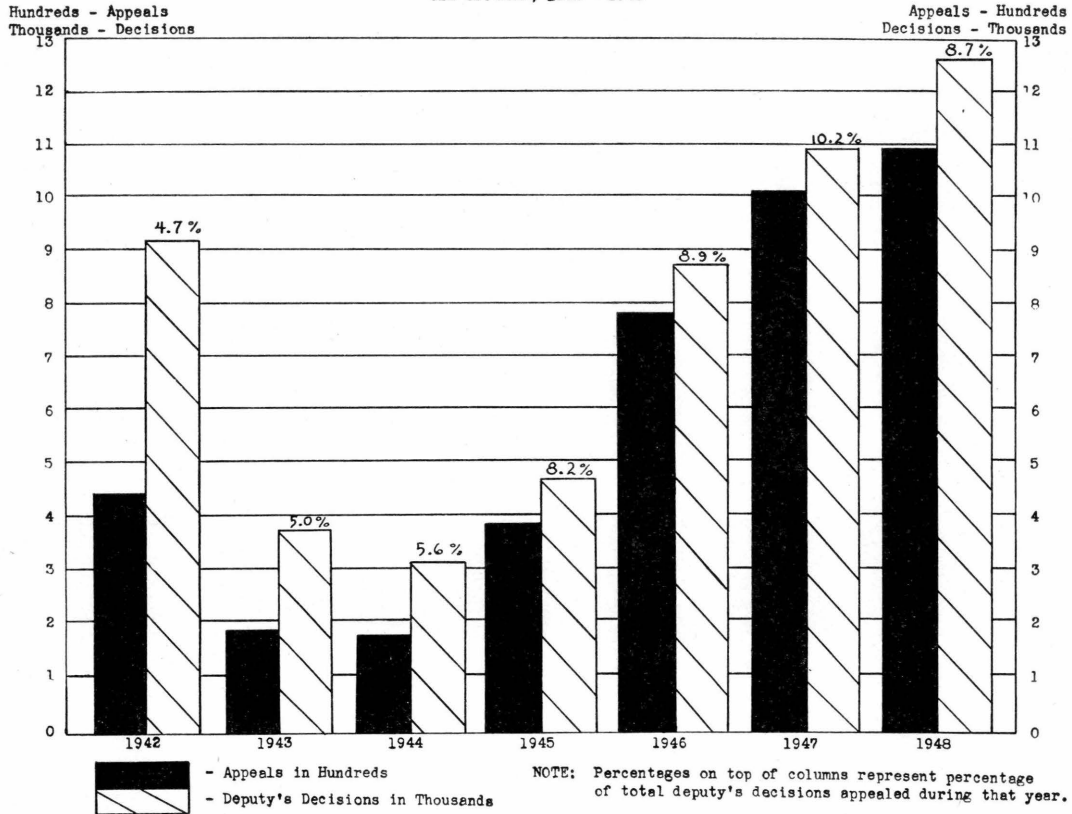
The Appeal Tribunal also held 229 hearings for other States.

SUMMARY SHOWING DISPOSITION OF 1948
UC CASES BY APPEAL TRIBUNAL



GRAPH XII

CORRELATION BETWEEN DEPUTY'S DECISIONS
AND APPEALS, 1942 - 1948



GRAPH XIII

Commission

The following table shows the disposition of UC benefit cases appealed to the Commission by employers, claimants, or deputies:

TABLE XVII

Cases pending January 1, 1948.....	1
Cases received during the year.....	127
Total cases on hand during the year.....	128
Cases disposed of during the year.....	116
Pending January 1, 1949.....	12
Breakdown of 116 cases disposed of:	
Cases withdrawn.....	1
Cases dismissed.....	2
Regular decisions rendered.....	113
Breakdown of 113 regular decisions rendered:	
101 or 89.4% affirmed or modified prior Tribunal Decisions	
12 or 10.6% reversed prior Tribunal Decisions	

The Commission rendered eighteen decisions relative to Labor Disputes.

Adjustment Section--SRA

During 1948 a total of 8,928 Deputies' Decisions on weekly Re-adjustment Allowance claims were recorded and tabulated in the Central office. This reflects a 10.48% decrease in number from the previous year. However, the ratio of the number of Deputies' Decisions to the aggregate SRA claim load increased to 3.63% for 1948, as against 2.70% for 1947. This further emphasizes the continued efforts of local office personnel to effectively carry out the policies set forth by the Readjustment Allowance Service of the Veterans Administration.

SRA Decisions by Type of Case

TABLE XVIII

Type of Case	Total Number	% of Total	Allowed		Disallowed or Disqualified	
			Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent
Voluntary Quit.....	2863	32.07%	2034	71.07%	829	28.93%
Misconduct.....	736	8.24%	442	60.05%	294	39.95%
Refusal to Accept or Apply.....	1256	14.07%	752	59.87%	504	40.13%
Able and Available....	3800	42.56%	1706	44.89%	2094	55.11%
Other.....	273	3.06%	0	0	273	100.00%
All Cases.....	8928	100.00%	4934	55.26%	3994	44.74%

An analysis of table XVIII shows that, as in the previous year, approximately 75% of all cases fall in the two categories covering Voluntary Quit and the question of Availability for and Ability to Work. It will be noted also that the percentage of all cases allowed rose to 55.26% from the 51.84% allowed in 1947. The general distribution of decisions by type of issue involved remained materially the same as for 1947. It is significant to note, however, that the percentage of disqualifications on the issue of Misconduct rose from 31.90% in 1947 to 39.95% in 1948, whereas the percentage of disqualifications on the issue of Refusal to Accept or Apply for work dropped from 55.00% to 40.31%, and disallowances on the issue of Able and Available dropped from 65.68% to 55.11%.

In addition to the above, 192 decisions were rendered in the Central office on monthly claims filed by self-employed Veterans. Of these, 188 were disallowed as not fully meeting the Veterans Administration's requirements for self-employment benefits.

Appeal Tribunal

The following table reveals the number of SRA cases appealed by Veteran claimants from the Deputies' Decisions and disposition of same by the Appeal Tribunal:

TABLE XIX

Cases pending January 1, 1948.....	131
Cases received during the year.....	1174
Total cases on hand during the year.....	1305
Cases disposed of during the year.....	1248
Pending January 1, 1949.....	57
Breakdown of 1248 cases disposed of:	
Cases withdrawn before hearing.....	95
Cases dismissed, non-appearance.....	114
Other dismissals.....	20
Regular decisions rendered.....	1019

Breakdown of 1019 cases disposed of by regular decision:

733 or 71.9% affirmed or modified prior Deputies' Decisions

286 or 28.1% reversed prior Deputies' Decisions

Readjustment Allowance Agent

The following table reveals the number of SRA cases appealed to the Readjustment Allowance Agent from decisions rendered by the Appeal Tribunal:

TABLE XX

Cases pending January 1, 1948	8
Cases received during the year	110
Total cases on hand during the year	118
Cases disposed of during the year	114
Pending January 1, 1949	4
Breakdown of 114 cases disposed of:	
Cases withdrawn	0
Cases dismissed	4
Regular decisions rendered	110

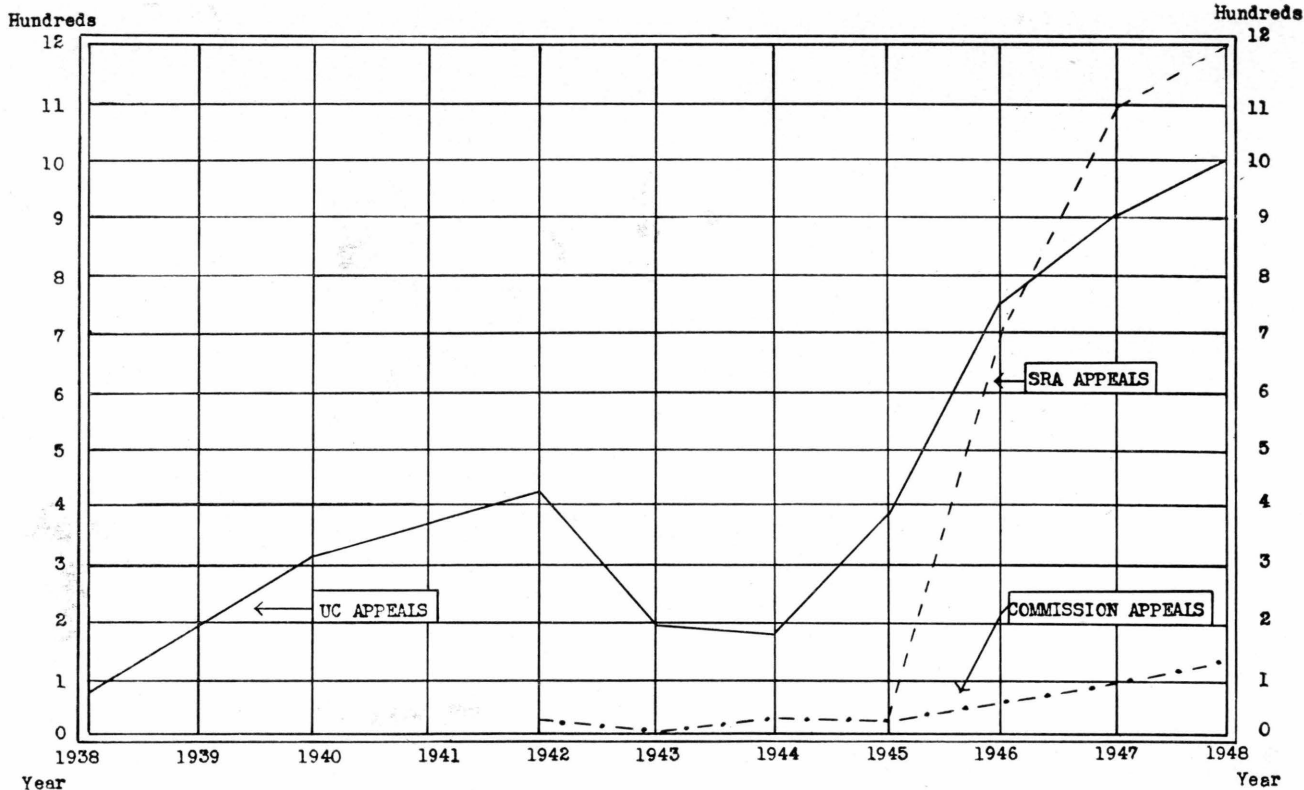
Breakdown of 110 regular decisions rendered:

- 85 or 77.3% affirmed or modified Appeal Tribunal Decisions
- 25 or 22.7% reversed Appeal Tribunal Decisions

Fraud Investigation

During 1948 the claims of 1,142 individuals were investigated, 762 under the Servicemen's Readjustment Allowance program, and 380 under the Unemployment Compensation program. In 324 cases fraudulent filing for benefits was indicated. Ninety-three UC cases were referred to the Assistant Attorney General for legal action and 231 SRA cases were referred to the Appeal Tribunal for hearing. In 187 of the SRA cases, Section 1300 of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act was imposed. This meant that these Veterans would be obliged to pay back any benefits which they had unlawfully received and they would no longer be eligible to receive benefits under the Act. Our investigations were directed toward areas in which we had reason to believe fraudulent filing was prevalent. This accounts for the large percentage of fraud found in the cases investigated.

APPEALS RECEIVED, BY YEAR
1938 - 1948



GRAPH XIV



Employment Section---Lewiston Office

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Placement Service

Non-Agricultural

Out of 69,203 applicants referred to job opportunities, 42,437 were accepted and given employment by employers who had previously placed orders with the Agency.

The State ratio for the year of 1 placed for every 1.6 applicants referred is considered favorable as compared to the National ratio of 1 applicant placed for every 1.8 applicants referred.

The monthly average of active applicants on file during 1948 was 18,815. Applying the monthly average placement figure of 3,636 to the monthly average of applications taken reveals that 1 out of every 5.4 applicants registered for non-agricultural employment was placed during the year.

It is significant to note that the number of non-agricultural placements verified during 1948 exceeded the number of new complete registrations taken during the same period by 5,956, or 16%.

The activity carried on in inter-area or clearance placements dropped off considerably during 1948 as compared to previous years. Clearance placements are identified as situations where the job openings or work to be done lie within the territory served by one office and wherein qualified workers are located in an area served by a different office.

Out of 1,200 non-agricultural applicants referred to jobs in other areas, 740 were accepted, of whom 35 went to employing establishments outside the State. This is the smallest number of migrant workers to leave Maine through the facilities of the Agency for several years.

As a continuing part of the placement process, local office placement interviewers maintain regular contacts with employing establishments. Visits to such establishments are termed "employer visits" and afford the placement interviewers an opportunity to become fully familiar with the specific needs relating to the job. During the year, 18,741 such visits were made to non-agricultural employing establishments. A comparatively large proportion of placement opportunities are ascertained or developed through this phase of local office procedure.

Summary of Placements of Veterans in Nonagricultural Activities, by Local Office, 1948*

TABLE XXI

INDUSTRY	Total Placements	Augusta	Bangor	Bath	Biddeford	Calais	Caribou	Ellsworth	Houlton	Lewiston	Machias	Portland	Rockland	Rumford	Sanford	Skowhegan	Waterville
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL PLACEMENTS	42,437	1,239	5,695	2,299	2,730	2,876	980	927	2,103	3,881	3,023	8,500	3,091	1,754	967	1,391	981
Forestry and Fishing	113	0	0	42	0	6	0	0	27	0	0	0	33	0	0	3	0
Mining and Quarrying	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	14	0	0	0	0	0
Contract Construction	5,606	422	951	212	359	159	456	56	196	617	242	774	248	216	99	295	304
Total Manufacturing	23,204	279	2,458	1,599	1,816	2,514	389	602	1,328	1,982	2,736	2,526	1,959	1,232	584	877	323
Food and Kindred Products	10,819	1	174	493	20	2,253	144	493	1,157	50	2,513	1,706	1,501	28	9	255	22
Tobacco Manufacturers	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Textile Mill Products	1,385	12	30	236	279	23	0	0	398	1	8	108	0	211	19	60	0
Apparel and Related Products	428	0	1	113	0	0	9	0	0	4	0	109	122	0	1	0	69
Lumber and Wood Products	4,540	35	1,699	166	192	215	88	94	138	200	218	267	72	360	264	398	134
Furniture and Fixtures	287	1	2	0	0	1	0	7	0	7	0	50	0	204	0	14	1
Paper and Allied Products	822	4	75	4	0	22	108	0	0	18	0	18	0	550	0	0	23
Printing, Publishing & Allied Prod.	82	6	15	2	0	0	0	0	13	13	0	19	3	7	0	0	4
Chemicals and Allied Products	167	0	17	0	0	0	39	0	19	9	0	27	56	0	0	0	0
Rubber Products	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
Leather and Leather Products	2,372	220	425	0	184	0	0	0	0	1,213	0	64	3	9	75	179	0
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	129	0	5	6	4	0	0	0	0	22	4	12	71	0	0	1	4
Primary Metal Industries	33	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	1	1
Fabricated Metal Products	181	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	72	6	0	2	0	0
Machinery (excluding electrical)	1,327	0	0	75	1,136	0	0	0	23	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	0
Electrical Machinery	6	0	7	416	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Transportation Equipment	490	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	40	8	0	11	0	0
Instruments	120	0	6	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	472	0	219	0	12	0	28	13	19	48	0	18	5	74	0	0	4
Interstate Railroads	472	0	219	0	12	0	28	13	19	48	0	18	5	74	0	0	4
Other Public Utilities	1,525	57	189	102	17	14	11	0	148	39	4	293	12	0	2	0	57
Wholesale and Retail Trade	5,384	223	897	144	247	52	68	87	252	611	16	2,198	190	146	84	22	147
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	255	7	42	1	10	1	4	1	11	40	1	126	4	2	1	2	2
Service (excluding private households)	3,363	107	483	153	181	80	16	66	60	351	16	1,357	62	96	135	84	116
Private Households	1,727	39	309	42	64	33	6	9	31	179	5	883	31	23	32	17	24
Regular Governmental Establishm'ts	729	102	131	0	24	17	1	83	31	13	1	264	26	8	18	6	4
Special Government Projects	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Establishments not elsewhere classified	39	1	16	4	0	0	1	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	0

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*This table includes local and inter-office clearance placements made in nonagricultural industries.

Nonagricultural Placements Made, by Local Office, by Major Occupational Group, 1948*

TABLE XXII

Local Office	Total Placements	MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUP					
		Profes- sional and Manage'l	Clerical and Sales	Service	Skilled	Semi- Skilled	Unskilled and Other
TOTAL.....	42,437	201	3,349	5,357	2,959	6,331	24,240
Augusta.....	1,239	10	188	109	254	83	595
Bangor.....	5,695	30	522	863	409	1,920	1,951
Bath.....	2,299	12	101	175	353	380	1,278
Biddeford.....	2,730	10	228	277	143	273	1,799
Calais.....	2,876	6	48	95	53	100	2,574
Caribou.....	980	8	44	43	151	313	421
Ellsworth.....	927	1	35	73	43	60	715
Houlton.....	2,103	20	248	99	83	192	1,461
Lewiston.....	3,881	13	376	534	473	906	1,579
Machias.....	3,023	0	26	6	90	171	2,730
Portland.....	8,500	20	1,097	2,552	454	680	3,697
Rockland.....	3,091	6	86	103	144	234	2,518
Rumford.....	1,754	6	79	185	53	292	1,139
Sanford.....	967	53	108	18	56	213	519
Skowhegan.....	1,391	3	56	109	119	291	813
Waterville.....	981	3	107	116	81	223	451

*Includes "Local" and "Inter-office" placements.

Agricultural

Although the objective of the Farm Placement Program is to provide year-round placement for agricultural workers, experience gained during the last year shows that measured by the demand for workers and the subsequent placement actions 98½% of the activity was carried on in the period July through October. The number of referrals made to agricultural employment equalled 74,282, of which verified placements amounted to 69,727. In this particular category of agricultural placement activity the figures quoted above represent the number of instances when referrals were made and placements resulted, rather than the number of individual workers involved. As the season progresses and types of agricultural activity are completed, local offices have the opportunity to refer on a second or third instance a qualified agricultural worker. In order to ascertain the agricultural worker demand, 3,160 visits were made to farms or agricultural establishments.

The Farm Placement Program is readily divided into four types of activity: (1) The Junior Farm Volunteer Program; (2) The Youth Day Haul Program; (3) The Potato Harvest Program; and (4) General Agricultural Employment. The first three programs are of such significant importance that they are worthy of comment as follows:

The *Junior Farm Volunteer Program* is designed to assist high school boys between the ages of 14 and 18 with healthy, gainful vacation employment upon approved farms. Cooperating with the Department of Education, school recruitment was conducted during May with the result that 212 boys registered with the Commission's local offices under the Junior Farm Volunteer Program. Every farmer placing an order for a Junior Volunteer was interviewed by a local office placement representative. The conditions at the farm and home were investigated before any order was filled. We are pleased to report that in every case the requisitioning farms met the standards and received the approval for assignment.

Of the 212 boys who registered, 172 were placed, of whom 155 completed their full term of employment. These boys carried on all types of farm activity, which included operating farm tractors, milking machines, driving trucks, caring for horses, and general farm work. The reports from all sources indicate the value of continued effort in this program.



Lettuce Harvest

The *Youth Day Haul Program* is designed to provide agricultural growers with youth labor necessary for producing and harvesting market garden crops and food crops which require immediate proces-

sing. The program covers recruitment and referral to 150 food processing plants and more than 100 pea-vining stations, as well as to farms located throughout Southern and Central Maine and parts of Aroostook County.

Registration for this type of youth worker takes place early in the spring through the cooperation of the Department of Education and school principals. According to the best information available, youth labor provides 85% of all labor required for this program. During the registration period, 6,387 boys and girls registered for this type of work. Working under crew leaders or employer supervision, they furnished 53,755 work days. The contribution that they make to the growing and processing of Maine farm products is of vital significance to the welfare of our State.



String Bean Harvest

Beginning with weekend employment during planting season, this youth labor assisted in the cultivation of 2,500 acres of market garden crops, and furnished 95% of the labor to harvest approximately 2,500 acres of string beans. As many factors affected the timing of the harvest the plan for assignment had to be well organized, and the movement of groups from day to day according to crop condition was guided by local office personnel.



Philip Day, Age 14, Brewer, Maine--Highest Day's Pick
Wages for Day \$8.10



Checking Station---String Bean Harvest

The *Potato Harvest Program* is the largest agricultural activity within the purview of the Farm Placement Program. Although the preponderance of the 40,000 workers needed to harvest the potato crop is composed of farmers, growers and families, and local workers throughout the potato growing areas, it has always been necessary to augment the number available by out-of-area recruitment, usually including the importation of Canadian harvest hands.

During the first two weeks of August, 1,412 potato growers placed initial pre-season orders for 9,223 harvest workers. Additional orders were placed later up to and including the actual harvest date. A total of 12,778 potato harvest workers were placed through the facilities of the Commission for the 1948 harvest. Of that number, 7,028 were resident workers placed through local office recruitment. Of that number, 680 were cleared from offices in the southern part of the State to the growing areas.

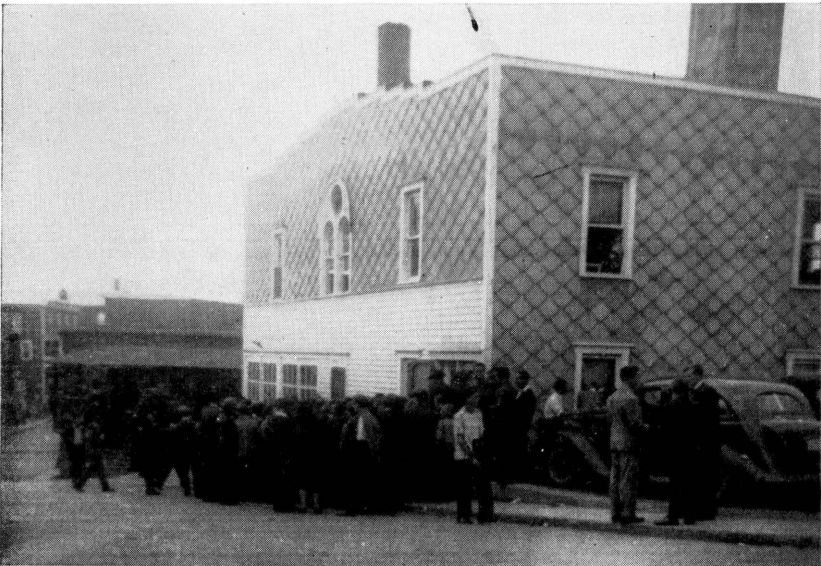


To insure an adequate labor supply for the vital potato harvest, arrangements were made through conferences with the Canadian Government, United States Department of Immigration, and United States Employment Service, whereby a potential supply of 7,000 Canadian workers would be subject to recruitment. It was

the responsibility of this Agency, cooperating with the Canadian Employment Service, to recruit and process the potential number of Canadians need. The plan required the temporary employment of bilingual personnel to form four recruitment teams for recruitment service in Canada and assignment service at the Ports of Entry at the time of the harvest. While the size of the units varied, in general each team was composed of a crew leader and four clerical typists. These teams prepared necessary material for the migration into our State and assignment to the various farms.

In Aroostook County, in addition to the Commission's two full-time offices located at Caribou and Houlton, it was necessary to establish and maintain thirteen temporary field offices during the harvest season.

A total of 5,750 Canadian harvest hands were actually imported and assigned according to labor requirements. In no instance did the Commission learn of any resident worker being denied employment who was available or desirous of such work. At the completion of the harvest, the Canadian workers were returned to the Ports of Entry.



Recruitment in Canada for Potato Harvest

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A Maine Potato Field in Bloom



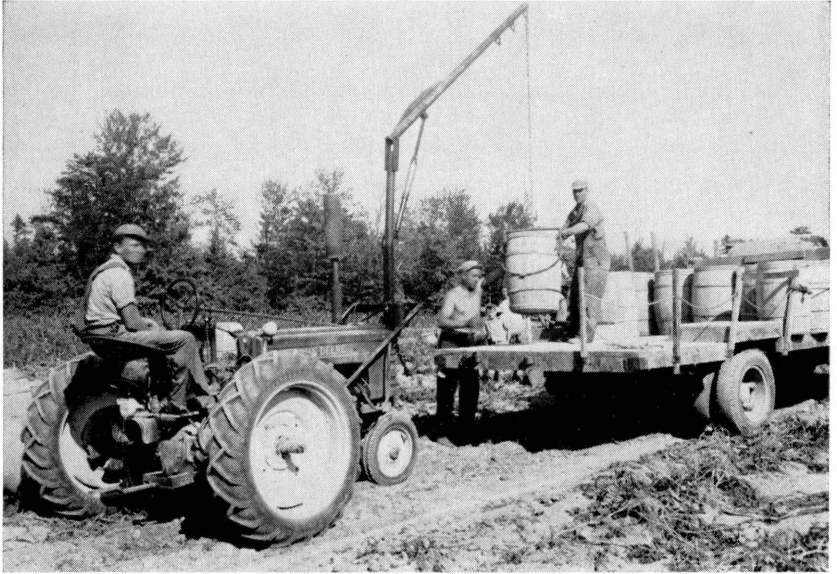
Potato Harvest



Digging Potatoes



Ready for the Potato Harvest



Loading Potatoes in Field



The Yield--Aroostook County, Maine



Picking Potatoes

Service to Veterans

The number of Veteran placements during the year totalled 11,522, including 237 placed through clearance. The total represents 46.2% of all males placed in non-agricultural pursuits.

During the year, 9,300 Veterans filed new applications for work, of whom 469 were handicapped. Of the number of Veteran placements made, 924 were Veterans who were handicapped by physical disabilities.

The total of Veteran placements exceeded the number of new applications taken during the year by 24%.

Through the facilities of the local offices there were 77 instances where information was furnished in regard to Veterans' reemployment rights under the Selective Service Act, and 23 instances where assistance was requested and the issues were resolved through cooperation with the State Department of Veterans Affairs.

Summary of Services Relating to Veterans, by Local Office, 1948

TABLE XXIII

Local Office	SERVICES RELATING TO VETERANS			
	New Applications for Work	Nonagricultural Referrals*	Nonagricultural Placements*	Counseling Interviews
TOTAL	9,300	21,166	11,522	3,212
Augusta	472	775	449	111
Bangor	1,602	2,697	1,375	318
Bath	409	1,175	734	139
Biddeford	386	1,530	1,060	113
Calais	204	916	368	7
Caribou	468	796	397	5
Ellsworth	248	425	233	25
Houlton	239	861	637	6
Lewiston	1,212	2,050	1,038	766
Machias	205	677	475	20
Portland	1,895	4,797	2,329	1,464
Rockland	339	898	694	22
Rumford	390	940	547	13
Sanford	254	660	381	86
Skowhegan	573	1,145	391	70
Waterville	404	824	414	47

*Includes "Local" and "Inter-office" activities.

Summary of Job Placements in Nonagricultural Activities, by Local Office, 1948*

TABLE XXIV

INDUSTRY	Total Veterans Placements	Augusta	Bangor	Bath	Biddeford	Calais	Caribou	Ellsworth	Houlton	Lewiston	Machias	Portland	Rockland	Rumford	Sanford	Skowhegan	Waterville
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL PLACEMENTS	11,522	449	1,375	734	1,060	368	397	233	637	1,038	475	2,329	694	547	381	391	414
Forestry and Fishing	46	0	0	15	0	5	0	0	4	0	0	0	21	0	0	1	0
Mining and Quarrying	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Contract Construction	2,701	181	393	120	182	90	234	31	107	289	167	370	125	73	52	90	197
Total Manufacturing	4,754	74	313	431	738	213	115	85	310	395	294	555	258	429	249	215	80
Food and Kindred Products	1,227	1	56	68	14	118	22	35	245	17	153	328	127	4	5	30	4
Textile Mill Products	401	8	7	79	54	2	0	0	88	1	1	24	0	107	9	21	0
Apparel and Related Products	31	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	0	16
Lumber and Wood Products	1,192	19	110	73	82	83	39	42	58	68	136	48	45	138	113	115	23
Furniture and Fixtures	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	5	0	8	0	29	0	8	0
Paper and Allied Products	376	0	53	0	0	10	35	0	0	6	0	10	0	251	0	0	11
Printing, Publishing and Allied Products	36	3	9	1	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	8	3	2	0	0	3
Chemicals and Allied Products	73	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	4	4	0	15	24	0	0	0	0
Rubber Products	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Leather and Leather Products	337	43	60	0	10	0	0	0	0	156	0	8	0	5	10	45	0
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	60	0	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	14	4	6	26	0	0	1	0
Primary Metal Products	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	12	0	1
Fabricated Metal Products	70	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	45	1	0	0	0	0
Machinery (excluding electrical)	660	0	0	21	576	0	0	0	0	21	0	42	0	0	2	0	0
Electrical Machinery	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Transportation Equipment	203	0	5	167	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	17	3	0	0	7	0
Instruments	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	9	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
Interstate Railroads	193	0	76	0	6	0	1	8	13	25	0	36	0	0	0	0	28
Other Public Utilities	723	17	72	67	5	10	8	18	95	22	0	178	170	11	3	44	3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1,576	92	267	53	68	15	28	13	59	207	6	571	77	18	21	13	68
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	44	0	9	0	1	0	1	0	4	10	0	17	0	0	1	1	0
Service (excluding private households)	939	30	138	40	39	19	9	19	19	81	5	424	15	13	33	23	32
Private Households	106	8	22	6	8	6	0	5	5	5	1	16	10	1	5	2	6
Regular Governmental Establishments	407	46	76	0	13	10	1	49	21	4	0	155	18	1	11	2	0
Special Government Projects	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Establishments not elsewhere classified	23	0	9	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	0

*Includes "Local" and "Inter-office" placements.

Employment Counseling

Many interviews reveal the need for employment counseling wherein present and potential qualifications are reviewed, evaluated and assistance is rendered in the choice of developing an occupational plan on behalf of the applicant. Five thousand six hundred seventy-seven interviews, or approximately 4.7% of all interviews held were determined to be of such a nature that counseling was required.

In 152 instances, applicants were referred to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State Department of Education for assistance who required medical, surgical or psychiatric services. Some cases required prosthetic devices, vocational guidance or particular aptitude tests.

One thousand fifty-four new applications were for persons with physical disabilities, which is 2.9% of all new applications taken during the year. Special effort is continually made on behalf of handicapped applicants in order to find appropriate occupational opportunities. In 1948, there were 1,572 such applicants placed following referral. This represents 3.7% of all placements made during the period.

Summary of Services Relating to Handicapped Persons, by Local Office, 1948

TABLE XXV

Local Office	SERVICES RELATING TO HANDICAPPED PERSONS			
	New Applications for Work	Local Nonagricultural Referrals	Local Nonagricultural Placements	Counseling Interviews
TOTAL.....	1,054	2,609	1,572	2,850
Augusta.....	66	105	60	154
Bangor.....	90	319	259	406
Bath.....	18	105	79	148
Biddeford.....	53	97	67	121
Calais.....	11	40	19	4
Caribou.....	43	52	32	9
Ellsworth.....	32	69	31	20
Houlton.....	10	6	6	3
Lewiston.....	327	528	300	1,130
Machias.....	9	14	9	8
Portland.....	188	857	473	639
Rockland.....	36	105	80	15
Rumford.....	31	49	30	25
Sanford.....	29	62	32	79
Skowhegan.....	70	141	58	48
Waterville.....	41	60	37	41

Industrial Services

Six hundred ninety-nine specific aptitude test batteries were given and 292 general aptitude test batteries, of which 184 were on behalf of applicants with Veteran status.

Test batteries are definitely of value in disclosing potential aptitudes or required skills.

Labor Market Information

Throughout the year local office personnel have continued to supply information in response to individual requests relating to the condition of the labor market and give advice on the supply and demand for specific kinds of workers. The bimonthly Labor Market News Letter has been revamped to cover the labor market conditions on a State-wide basis.

Summary of Basic Local Office Work Load Activities, by Office, 1948*

TABLE XXVI

Local Office	Reception Contacts	New Applications for Work	Applicant Interviews	Local Referrals		Local Placements		Inter-Office Clearance Referrals		Inter-Office Clearance Placem'ts		Counseling Interviews	Employer Visits	Nonagricultural Job Openings Received
				Nonagricultural	Agricultural	Nonagricultural	Agricultural	Nonagricultural	Agricultural	Nonagricultural	Agricultural			
TOTAL	932,154	36,481	120,762	68,003	73,589	41,697	68,010	1,200	693	740	1,717	5,677	21,901	81,204
Augusta	37,997	1,814	6,061	2,077	4,486	1,230	4,448	9	12	9	0	195	978	2,084
Bangor	67,975	5,605	10,954	8,642	11,748	5,676	11,714	241	224	19	53	814	1,633	10,974
Bath	52,145	1,357	6,620	3,388	1,070	2,273	1,049	66	136	26	0	209	1,797	2,781
Biddeford	34,515	2,123	8,451	4,290	68	2,564	59	13	23	166	3	189	2,022	3,125
Calais	29,167	978	4,282	4,296	37	2,867	29	59	28	9	0	62	1,109	4,023
Caribou	40,912	1,012	8,909	1,964	12,411	764	9,807	3	0	216	1,188	9	747	5,183
Ellsworth	17,104	758	1,819	1,402	1,426	880	1,384	50	97	47	443	38	640	1,363
Houlton	20,022	555	2,194	2,847	2,636	2,062	2,393	13	4	41	0	9	711	3,551
Lewiston	161,778	6,613	22,619	6,881	5,630	3,869	5,577	99	63	12	0	1,507	2,938	5,669
Machias	24,132	934	1,542	3,269	1,504	2,978	1,504	25	36	45	0	25	880	4,046
Portland	268,782	7,797	27,268	16,283	5,147	8,423	4,964	423	0	77	28	2,252	3,625	10,422
Rockland	44,910	1,079	3,660	3,547	2,404	3,080	2,381	56	36	11	2	25	403	3,793
Rumford	23,666	1,167	2,818	2,754	14,612	1,737	14,359	8	3	17	0	33	1,492	5,279
Sanford	36,688	1,395	4,487	1,753	531	955	335	43	0	12	0	122	1,020	1,579
Skowhegan	39,960	1,693	2,169	2,815	4,549	1,372	4,515	72	18	19	0	108	639	15,819
Waterville	32,401	1,601	6,909	1,795	5,330	967	3,492	20	13	14	0	80	1,267	1,513

*Excludes claims taking activities which are summarized in table XXIII.