Unemployment Insurance Plan

Dominion Government Scheme Comes Into Effect July 1—Here's How It Affects Canada's Working People

Here is a brief outline of Canada's unemployment insurance scheme which will come into effect July 1:

The Bill affects:

Workers who earn less than $2,000 a year, with the exception of workers in agriculture, forestry, fishing, lumbering and logging, transportation by air or water, stevedoring and private domestic service.

Contributions:

Range from weekly payments of 21 cents by employers and 2 cents by employes who earn between $5.40 and $7.50 a week to 27 cents by employers and 26 cents by employes who earn themselves $26 and $38.50 a week.

In the case of those earning less than 90 cents a day or those under 16 years of age, the employer contributes 18 cents as his share and also nine cents on behalf of his employe.

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Benefit payments:

Range from $4.08 for single persons and $4.80 for married persons with dependents, in the lowest income group, to $12.24 for single persons and $14.40 for married persons in the highest group.

Workers under 16 and those who earn less than $5.40 a week cannot draw benefits but may accumulate benefit rights.

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Benefits are payable:

After 30 weekly or 180 daily contributions within a two-year period, and are payable after nine days of unemployment.

Workers entitled to benefit payments are entitled to a new one payment for every five contributions made in the previous five years, less one payment for every three benefit payments received in the previous three years.

How Can I?

BY ANNE ASHLEY

Q. How can I clean white felt hats?

A. Rub into their surface a mixture of one quart of cornmeal, one cup of salt, and one cup of flour. Allow this to remain on the hats overnight, and then brush off.

Q. How can I cause eggs to hold together much better when poaching them?

A. A teaspoon of vinegar put into the boiling water will cause the eggs to hold together much better.

Q. How can I eliminate the annoyance of perspiring hands when playing tennis?

A. Rub some magnesium carbonate into the palms of the hands, and it will result in a better grip.

Q. How can I remove egg stains from linens?

A. Before washing, soak the stains in cold water, as hot water will only set the stains. Common table salt, if rubbed on immediately, will sometimes remove an egg stain.

Q. What can I do if the seams of a garment are shiny after ironing?

A. Touch them lightly with a piece of cheesecloth wrung out of tepid water.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Jackie, aged six, was trying to drive a nail into the wall, but he had the head of the nail against the wood and was hammering the point.

At length he threw down the nail in disgust and said, "They gave me a nail with the head at the wrong end."

Sister Josephine, age seven, who had been watching him, began to laugh, and, pointing to the opposite wall, said, "No wonder the nail doesn't go through. Can't you see that it was made for the other side of the room?"

The minister was asking one of his flock why he had not attended church recently.

"Well, you see, sir," said the man, "I've been troubled with a bunion on my foot."

"Strange," said the parson, "that a bunion should impede the pilgrim's progress."

"I tried counting sheep, but it was no good—I simply couldn't get to sleep," said the clothing manufacturer to his partner.

"I told you," the latter replied, "it was no good unless you counted up to a thousand."

"I counted ten thousand," said the manufacturer. "I sheared them, combed the wool, had it spun into cloth and made into suits, took 'em to market and lost $200. I didn't get a wink of sleep."

Joan had been naughty nearly all day. When her mother was putting her to bed she said: "When you say your prayers, Joan, ask to be made a good girl tomorrow." With an inquiring glance Joan asked: "Why? What's on tomorrow?"

Forced to put on his brakes suddenly, the driver of the sports car found it shooting crabwise across the road, just missing a lamp-post before it stopped.

Up strolled a policeman.

"Well," he remarked genially, "you got a nice skid there, sir."

"Pardon me, officer," was the haughty reply; "this lady is my wife."

3,000-Volt Shock Didn't Kill Man

Wasio Rodrigue, 50, construction foreman for the Shawinigan Water and Power Company at St. Evariste de Beauce, Que., was brought to hospital in a critical condition, unconscious and half paralyzed after receiving a 30,000-volt shock.

Witnesses said Rodrigue was standing on a truck running-board when a high tension cable fell across the vehicle.

One hand and one foot were charred and one side of his body paralyzed. All the metal and glass on his body at the time, including a wrist watch and spectacles, were melted by the contact.

Modern Etiquette

BY ROBERTA LEE

1. What is the correct way to announce the birth of a child?

2. Why should a man tip his hat with the hand that is farthest away from the person he is greeting?

3. Does a bridegroom ever ask men other than his best man and ushers to his bachelor dinner?

4. Is it always necessary to have ourselves announced when calling on someone who is staying in a hotel?

5. What should one do, in conversation, when the person to whom one is talking persists in arguing?

6. Is it ever permissible, when drinking coffee that is unusually hot, to blow on it to cool it?

Answers

1. The correct and also the usual form is the personal note or message. 2. In order not to hide his face from her. 3. Yes, if he wants to. He is privileged to ask any friends he chooses. 4. Yes, we must always announce our presence or be announced by one of the attendants. Do not take the liberty of going to a room without this formality. 5. Say, pleasantly, "Let's talk about something else." 6. No. There is nothing to do but to be patient, and it will soon cool.

Largest Silk Flag

A gigantic Chilean flag, reputedly the largest silk flag in the world, has been presented to the municipality of Santiago, Chile, by the members of the Japanese colony as a gift on the occasion of the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the founding of the city. The flag is 98 feet long and 65 feet wide. It weighs 441 pounds.

TOP RANK PLOWMEN LEAVE ON "SALADA" TEA TRANSCONTINENTAL TRIP

The International Plowing Match held at St. Thomas last year set a new record in the number of entries and attendance. The most coveted prize offered was that for the special class sponsored by the Salada Tea Company and open to all horse plowmen in Jointer Plow sod classes, who had qualified at branch matches—a six weeks' motor trip to the west coast and back.

It is a coincidence that the trip, along with the gold and silver medals for first and second prizes in this class, was won by two neighbour plowmen, John Lister (left) and Harold Picket (right) both of Hornby, Ontario. Their journey was planned under the guiding hand of J. A. Carroll, manager of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, and will take them to areas of agricultural interest in the United States and Canada from Toronto to Vancouver. Gordon McGavin (centre), another well-known plowman, of Walton, will accompany the winners as guide, companion and manager.

The trip should prove intensely interesting and of great educational value to these three lucky plowmen.

Will Divert More Water

Further extensive diversions of water at Niagara Falls so that all idle power-producing machinery on both sides of the Niagara River may be put into operation is being considered by the Canadian and United States governments.

If such a step is decided upon it will likely be carried out on authority of an exchange of notes between the two governments as was the procedure followed when an additional 5,000 cubic feet per second was allotted to Canada last autumn on the understanding that Canada would put compensating water into the Great Lakes system by the Ogoki diversion of waters then flowing into James Bay.

TO AFFECT SCENIC BEAUTY?

"The demand for more power is so pressing in the war effort it seems likely that further diversions at Niagara Falls will be allowed," a government official said.

"Fortunately for such a step we are in a wet cycle and with the big reserves of water in the upper lakes it would be possible to take the water required to set all the machines along Niagara moving without affecting the scenic beauty of the Falls for a year at least."

124th Burglary

A 33-year-old Negro was arrested on 123 charges of burglary. After he had pleaded guilty to 79 of them, he was taken to his home for a change of clothes. He found that his clothes, shoes, silverware, and four dollars had been taken by burglars.

Australia's Own

Landing in Australia, Captain Cook asked a native what a strange hopping creature was called. The native responded: "Kan-ga-roo," meaning in his language, "I don't know." Cook thought that it was the animal's name, and it has been so called ever since.

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Discovers Savages 'Jungle Gentlemen'

Noted Sculptress Says They Can Outdo White People In Courtesy

American and European gentlemen could take a few tips from bushmen and head-hunters in the matter of courtesy and politeness, Malvina Hoffman, the noted sculptress, believes.

Miss Hoffman, who has spent more than five years travelling about the world, using many different people for her models, made these observations in a recent address at the University of Pittsburgh.

HEADHUNTERS VERY POLITE

"When people hear I have been in islands inhabited by head-hunters and in jungles where cannibals live, they're awe-stricken at my courage," the sculptress said. "I hastily assure them that fewer people were more courteous than the so-called savages."

Miss Hoffman said she found headhunters "most interested" and very helpful in her work. In 1930 she was commissioned by the Field Museum of Chicago to travel over the world and make models of different races. For five years she visited various countries, bribing natives to pose while she moulded their likenesses.

Treat Iron For Painting

Special Wash Is Required For First Protective Coat

Unless galvanized iron has been exposed to the weather for some six months or so before painting, it is often difficult to make the finish adhere. This difficulty may be avoided, however, by going over the surface with one of several washes which should be mixed and kept in a glass or earthen vessel and applied with a brush.

SOLUTIONS SUGGESTED

Any of the following are recommended: (1) vinegar or weak acetic acid; (2) one part commercial hydrochloric, or muriatic acid, with four parts of water; (3) 12 ounces of copper chloride, 12 ounces copper nitrate, 12 ounces salammoniac, 4½ gallons water and 12 ounces hydrochloric acid. Mix in order given; (4) a weak solution of ammonia, five to six ounces copper acetate, one gallon water.

When the chosen solution has dried, wash the surface with water, let it dry thoroughly, then apply the desired coating.

What Science Is Doing

POISON-IVY TREATMENTS

Ivy and sumac poisoning, says a timely announcement by the United States Public Health Service, may be effectively treated with tannic acid. The service's tests showed that a 10 per cent solution in water, applied after the affected area had been cleansed with alcohol, was helpful, but application by a physician is urged. Equally interesting, with arrival of the outdoor season, is the report from the same source that a cream containing 10 per cent of sodium perborate, rubbed on the skin, is effective in preventing the poisoning through its oxidizing action. The cream coating must be renewed every four hours.

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EXERCISE AND PARALYSIS

Violent exercise just before symptoms of infantile paralysis develop may aggravate a relatively harmless attack into one which produces paralysis, according to a report to the U. S. National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis by Dr. Albert Sabin, of Cincinnati. Dr. Sabin's researches indicate also that the virus enters the body not through the interior nasal surfaces but through the digestive system, and is there absorbed, eventually reaching the nerve centres. This may explain why protection of the nasal surfaces has not been effective in preventing the disease.

Flatter-Heeled Shoes Popular

Flatter-heeled shoes, worn at all kinds of events plus the outdoor scenes, at which they are expected to be seen, are unquestionably on the increase this season. This observation began with Easter day parades in New York and other large cities, when town shoes, keyed to regulation spring town clothes, were seen in impressive numbers, and with flatter heels. Practically everybody wears the very flat-heeled moccasin shoes for country wear, and for town more and more are wearing "dress shoes" with flat heels.

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