

9.—Mothers' Allowances in Canada, 1924.

Items.	Ontario. ¹	Manitoba. ²	Saskatchewan. ³	Alberta. ⁴	British Columbia. ⁵
Number of Mothers.....	4,058	670	902	594	1,014
Number of Children.....	12,373	2,302	3,322	1,887	2,636
Latest yearly Expenditure.....\$	1,707,894	406,771	234,750	242,686	437,572
Total Expenditure.....\$	5,477,400	—	882,675	888,211	1,659,344

¹ As on Oct. 31, 1924. ² Aug. 31, 1924. ³ Fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 1924. ⁴ Year ended Dec. 31, 1923. ⁵ Fiscal year ended Mar. 31, 1924.

The Mothers' Allowances Commission of Ontario, in a classification of beneficiaries under the provincial Act, shows 43 families with one child and an incapacitated husband in receipt of benefits during the year ended Oct. 31, 1924. There were, in addition, 1,708 families of 2 children under 16 years of age; 1,136 with 3; 660 with 4; 311 with 5; 117 with 6; 63 with 7; 14 with 8; 5 with 9 and 1 with 11 children, the average being slightly over 3 children per family. Death of the father was the cause of dependency in 3,338 cases, incapacitation of father in 475 cases, desertion in 138 cases and death of both parents in 107 cases.

Rates of Allowances.—Rates of allowances paid in Ontario are as follows: in cities \$40, \$45, \$50 and \$55 per month for mothers with 2, 3, 4, and 5 children; in towns the rate is \$5 lower, while the rate to beneficiaries in villages and rural areas is further reduced by \$5. In families where there are more than five children, the Commission may grant a further allowance not to exceed \$5 a month for each child over the number of five. In Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, no set rate of allowances is paid, the aim of payments being as far as possible to make up the difference between the income and the ordinary expenditure of a family. In Saskatchewan, minimum and maximum monthly payments of \$15 and \$30 are established. Payments in British Columbia are also not standardized, but regulations provide for a maximum monthly allowance of \$42.50 for a dependent mother with one child, and an additional \$7.50 for each other child under 16 years of age. A deduction of \$10 is made in case of the beneficiary owning her own home or holding it free from rent, while a maximum of \$15 per month is paid to a mother and one child where board and lodging are obtained free of charge.