

During 1931 no additional provinces availed themselves of the provisions of the Dominion Act, and old age pensions continued to be paid in the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan, and in the Northwest Territories. The New Brunswick Legislature at its 1930 session passed an Old Age Pensions Act, while similar legislation was enacted in 1931 by the provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, each Act to come into force on a day to be fixed by proclamation. The Gold Commissioner of the Yukon Territory was given authority, by a Yukon Territorial Council Ordinance passed in 1927, to enter into an agreement with the Dominion Government for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the Old Age Pensions Act for residents in the Territory. No proposed scheme of administration for adoption in the Yukon Territory has been submitted for the approval of the Governor in Council. An Act was assented to by the Quebec Legislature in 1930 providing for the creation of a commission to study a system of social insurance for the province. On Oct. 30, 1930, a commission of seven members was appointed to study, among other matters, the subject of old age insurance. No report of the findings of the commission on this particular subject has yet been made. At present Quebec is the only province which has not enacted old age pensions legislation and, under the terms of the Dominion Act, is therefore ineligible to enter into agreement with the Dominion Government to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Dominion Act.

Table 22 is a financial summary of old age pensions in Canada as at Dec. 31, 1931, while Table 23 gives the countries of birth of persons receiving old age pensions at that date, Canada and England leading. Table 24 is a statistical summary of old age pensions as at the end of 1931.

22.—Financial Summary of Old Age Pensions in Canada, by Provinces, as at Dec. 31, 1931.

| Item. | Alberta. — Act Effective Aug. 1, 1929. | British Colum- bia. — Act Effective Sept. 1, 1927. | Manitoba. — Act Effective Sept. 1, 1928. | Ontario. — Act Effective Nov. 1, 1929. | Saskat- chewan. — Act Effective May 1, 1928. | North- west Terra- tories. — Order in Council Effective Jan. 25, 1929. | Total. |
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| Total numbers of pensioners as at Dec. 31, 1931..... | 4,191 | 6,298 | 6,840 | 41,228 | 7,389 | 5 | 65,951 |
| Average monthly pensions...\$ | 18.87 | 19.36 | 19.13 | 18.80 | 19.42 | 19.84 | |
| Total amounts of pensions paid during calendar year 1931.....\$ | 842,108 | 1,374,987 | 1,497,054 | 8,821,343 | 1,563,203 | 1,578 | 14,100,272 |
| Dominion Government's shares of expenditures...\$ | 421,054 | 687,494 | 748,527 | 4,410,672 | 781,602 | 1,578 | 7,050,924 |
| Total amounts of pensions paid since inception of Old Age Pensions Act to Dec. 31, 1931.....\$ | 1,607,669 | 4,313,784 | 4,141,556 | 16,566,613 | 3,783,743 | 3,228 | 30,416,593 |
| Dominion Government's shares of expenditures....\$ | 803,834 | 2,156,892 | 2,070,778 | 8,283,307 | 1,891,872 | 3,228 | 15,209,910 |