

During 1933 the provinces of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia entered into agreements with the Dominion Government whereby old age pensions became payable in Prince Edward Island as from July 1, 1933, and in Nova Scotia as from Mar. 1, 1934. The Dominion Old Age Pensions Act is now operative in seven of the nine provinces, namely—Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan, as well as in the Northwest Territories.

The New Brunswick Legislature, at its 1930 session, passed an Old Age Pensions Act, to come into force on a day to be fixed by proclamation. The Gold Commissioner of Yukon 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 Yukon has been submitted for the approval of the Governor in Council. 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 26 is a financial summary of old age pensions in Canada as at the end of the calendar year 1934. The total payments in the last quarter of that year were \$5,825,099.

26.—Financial Summary of Old Age Pensions in Canada, by Provinces, as at Dec. 31, 1934.

Item.	Alberta. — Act effective Aug. 1, 1929.	British Columbia. — Act effective Sept. 1, 1927.	Manitoba. — Act effective Sept. 1, 1928.	Nova Scotia. — Act effective Mar. 1, 1934.	Ontario. — Act effective Nov. 1, 1929.
Total numbers of pensioners as at Dec. 31, 1934.....	6,947	8,893	9,995	11,970	48,899
Average monthly pensions.....\$	17.69	19.29	18.61	14.40	18.42
Percentages of pensioners to total population ¹	0.90	1.23	1.37	2.27	1.37
Percentages of persons over 70 years of age to total population ¹	2.16	3.37	2.81	5.02	4.31
Percentages of pensioners to population over 70 years of age ¹	41.80	36.43	48.52	45.29	31.78
Total amounts of pensions paid by provinces from inception of Old Age Pensions Act to Dec. 31, 1934.....\$	5,259,775	9,469,554	10,044,150	1,538,865	45,363,652
Dominion Government's shares of expenditure.....\$	3,581,407	6,071,793	6,559,038	1,154,149	30,061,366

Item.	Prince Edward Island. — Act effective July 1, 1933.	Saskat- chewan. — Act effective May 1, 1928.	Northwest Terra- ries. — Order in Council effective Jan. 25, 1929.	Total.
Total numbers of pensioners as at Dec. 31, 1934.....	1,496	9,904	7	98,111
Average monthly pensions.....\$	9.91	16.30	18.98	-
Percentages of pensioners to total population ¹	1.68	1.02	0.07	-
Percentages of persons over 70 years of age to total population ¹	6.38	2.10	0.89	-
Percentages of pensioners to population over 70 years of age ¹	26.34	48.71	7.86	-
Total amounts of pensions paid by provinces from inception of Old Age Pensions Act to Dec. 31, 1934.....\$	225,181	9,195,300	7,775	81,104,253
Dominion Government's shares of expenditure.....\$	168,886	6,020,614	7,775	53,625,027

¹Percentage figures based on estimated population for 1934, furnished by Dominion Bureau of Statistics.