

Employment agreements is to be 50 p.c. of each province's cost of the aforementioned measures, exclusive of the cost of administration.

Recognizing as a national emergency the very serious drought conditions which developed, during the crop season of 1936, in large agricultural areas of the three Prairie Provinces, the Dominion entered into agreements with those provinces whereby it has undertaken to pay all costs (other than those of provincial administration) incurred by the provinces for food, fuel, clothing and necessary shelter supplied, from Sept. 1, 1936, to Mar. 31, 1937, to all permanent residents of the defined areas in need of direct relief, excepting those located in cities or towns within the areas, which latter are being cared for by the provinces and municipalities with the assistance of the Dominion grants-in-aid above mentioned. The agreements provide that the measure of relief granted pursuant to the arrangement shall not exceed that given to similar needy in other rural sections of the provinces.

25.—Number of Settler Families and Individuals Approved and Settled under the Relief Acts Agreements to Oct. 31, 1936.

Province.	Settler Families.	Total Individuals.
Nova Scotia.....	341	1,799
Quebec.....	976	5,029
Ontario.....	606	2,384
Manitoba.....	915	3,470
Saskatchewan.....	939	3,665
Alberta.....	650	2,411
British Columbia.....	52	233
Totals.....	4,479	18,991

Under the provisions of the Relief Act, 1932, agreements were completed with all the provinces, except Prince Edward Island, providing for a non-recoverable expenditure of one-third of an amount not to exceed \$600 per family for the purpose of providing, to families who would otherwise be in receipt of direct relief, a measure of self-sustaining relief by placing such families on the land. It was provided that the remaining two-thirds of the expenditure should be contributed by the province and the municipality concerned. The agreements covered a period of two years and expired on Mar. 31, 1934.

Under the provisions of the Relief Acts of 1934 and 1935, agreements, effective from April 1, 1934, to Mar. 31, 1936, providing continuity of settlement with the agreements which expired Mar. 31, 1934, were entered into with all the provinces excepting Prince Edward Island. Provision is made in the agreements for an additional non-recoverable contribution by the Dominion, on the recommendation of the province and with the approval of the Governor in Council, of one-third of an amount not exceeding \$100 in the case of a settler who may not be self-supporting at the end of the two-year period, and for whom subsistence expenditure during the third year of settlement is deemed necessary. This additional amount for subsistence during the third year, where necessary, applied both to those settled under the 1932 agreement and those settled under the renewal agreement.

Under the provisions of the Unemployment Relief and Assistance Act, 1936, further agreements, effective from April 1, 1936, to Mar. 31, 1940, providing continuity of settlement with the agreements which expired Mar. 31, 1936, have been entered into with the provinces of Manitoba and Alberta. Provision is made in said agreements for placement of further families on the land, and a non-recoverable expenditure of one-third of an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per family for a period