

dependent. In Manitoba, only children under 15 are regarded as dependent unless they are invalids.

In Alberta, British Columbia, and Manitoba, the cost of the allowances is divided between the province and the municipalities concerned. In Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, the whole cost is carried by the province.

**Rates of Allowances.**—In British Columbia, the Act provides for a maximum monthly allowance of \$42.50 for a mother with one dependent child, an additional \$7.50 for each other child under 16 years of age, and a further \$7.50 in cases where the husband of the mother is totally disabled and is living with her. In New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, a maximum allowance of \$60 per month is fixed by statute. In the other provinces, the provincial authority administering the Act has power to fix the rate of the allowance. In Ontario, the maximum for a mother and one child is \$35 per month in a city, \$30 in a town of over 5,000 population and \$25 in a rural district, with an additional \$5 for every child in each case. In Saskatchewan, under the terms of an Order in Council of January, 1936, maximum monthly payments range from \$8 to a mother with one child to \$44 to a mother with ten or more children.

In Manitoba, the maximum allowance for a mother and two children is \$50, excluding allowance for winter fuel, with a maximum of \$89 for a family of seven or more children. In Alberta, the allowance is determined by the special circumstances in each case, the maximum payment ranging from \$25 per month to a mother with one child, to \$50 per month where there are five children.

Tables 31 to 36 show, for six provinces, the numbers of families and of children assisted, the total benefits paid, and the division of the cost of the latter between provinces and municipalities, for as many years as comparable figures are available.

**Nova Scotia.**—The Mothers' Allowances Act (c. 4, 1930) was passed at the session of 1930 and came into force on Oct. 1, 1930. Table 31 shows the numbers of families assisted and the amounts paid under the Act from its inception to Nov. 30, 1936.

**31.—Mothers' Allowances in Nova Scotia, fiscal years 1931-36.**

Fiscal Year.	Numbers Assisted.		Benefits Paid.
	Families.	Children.	
			\$
1931 (year ended Sept. 30) .....	1,030	3,179	310,602
1932 " " .....	1,108	3,342	331,337
1933 " " .....	1,158	3,487	341,929
1934 " " .....	1,168	3,549	356,075
1935 (14 months ended Nov. 30) .....	1,239	3,720	413,997
1936 (year ended Nov. 30) .....	1,222	3,630	363,981