

Under the original Act, the full cost of pensions was borne by the province. In 1932 one-half of the costs of pensions paid to residents of a municipality was charged to the municipality to which they belonged and at the end of the fiscal year 1936-37 responsibility for all payments was again assumed by the province.

In 1937 there were 346 cases where mothers received extra allowances for incapacitated husbands.

### 36.—Mothers' Allowances in British Columbia, 1921-37.

Fiscal Year.	Numbers Assisted. <sup>1</sup>		Benefits Paid. <sup>2</sup>		
	Families.	Children.	Chargeable to Province.	Chargeable to Municipalities.	Total.
			\$	\$	\$
1921.....	3	3	3	3	273,575
1922.....	771	1,978	487,888	Nil	487,888
1923.....	785	1,990	414,227	Nil	414,227
1924.....	847	2,240	423,233	Nil	423,233
1925.....	943	2,544	463,669	Nil	463,669
1926.....	986	2,723	518,471	Nil	518,471
1927.....	1,100	3,050	612,645	Nil	612,645
1928.....	1,233	2,757	628,600	Nil	628,600
1929.....	1,370	3,028	677,510	Nil	677,510
1930.....	1,468	3,229	759,698	Nil	759,698
1931.....	1,568	3,295	816,272	Nil	816,272
1932.....	1,547	3,213	842,977	Nil	842,977
1933.....	1,514	3,274	468,511	311,129	779,640
1934.....	1,436	3,147	469,916	151,586	621,502
1935.....	1,410	2,922	365,288	224,334	589,622
1936.....	1,485	3,026	403,558	212,997	616,555
1937.....	1,567	3,191	443,803	238,785	682,588

<sup>1</sup> Years ended Sept. 30 for 1921-32, and fiscal years ended Mar. 31 from 1933.  
Mar. 31 in all cases.

<sup>2</sup> Not available.

<sup>2</sup> Fiscal years ended

## PART II.—WAGES AND COST OF LIVING.

### Section 1.—Wage Rates.\*

Statistics of rates of wages and hours of labour have been collected for recent years by the Dominion Department of Labour, and are published in a series of bulletins supplementary to the *Labour Gazette*. Report No. 1 of this series was issued in March, 1921. The records upon which the statistics are based begin in most cases with the year 1901. Index numbers have been calculated to show the general movement of wage rates; the series covers six groups of occupations back to 1901, and common factory labour, miscellaneous factory trades and lumbering back to 1911. The index numbers are based upon wage rates in 1913 as 100. Average index numbers, weighted according to the average numbers of employees in each group, as shown in the Censuses of 1921 and 1931, are also given. Weighting has not been applied within groups. In groups by occupations or industries such

\* See pp. 774-783 of the 1927-28 Year Book for an article on the "Wages Statistics of the Census of 1921" and pp. 797-799 of the 1933 Year Book for "Earnings in the Census Year 1931".