

21.—Disbursements by the Dominion for Assistance Provided Under Relief Legislation, 1930-38.

Item.	1930 Act.	1931 Act.	1932 Act.	1933 Act.	1934 Act.	1935 Act.	1936 Act.	1937 Act.	1938 Act.	Total.
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Disbursements to Provinces—										
Prince Edward Island.....	95	129	25	99	147	287	291	125	32	1,230
Nova Scotia.....	884	1,070	550	1,201	674	1,295	1,110	590	186	7,470
New Brunswick.....	504	763	220	593	425	1,060	910	510	157	5,142
Quebec.....	3,292	5,437	4,253	8,297	6,346	7,503	10,953	6,915	2,000	54,996
Ontario.....	4,692	11,101	7,987	12,914	11,045	16,209	13,983	7,185	4,812	89,628
Manitoba.....	1,600	3,324	1,741	2,372	2,120	3,563	4,466	3,076	1,523	23,785
Saskatchewan.....	1,689	8,225	5,612	7,715	7,710	8,794	9,243	6,217	1,981	52,188
Alberta.....	1,281	3,038	1,300	1,672	1,468	1,781	2,595	2,320	1,151	16,506
British Columbia.....	1,376	3,940	3,228	8,448	2,301	2,283	3,500	2,671	1,146	23,893
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	20	10	3	5	Nil	10	Nil	Nil	Nil	48
Disbursements through Dominion Government Departments.....	57	4,596	1,036	7,643	6,398	8,252	607	23,514	4,499	58,602
Other Disbursements—										
Board of Railway Commissioners.....	500	500	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,000
C.P.R.....	864	206	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1,073
C.N.R.....	882	Nil	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	882
Administration expenses.....	43	85	68	87	89	140	179	225	125	1,041
Miscellaneous.....	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	21	1	Nil	Nil	22
Totals.....	17,729	42,427	26,053	41,006	40,623	51,196	47,840	53,348	17,282	337,586

Subsection 6.—National Registration of Persons on Material Aid.

The National Employment Commission Act, 1936, under which the National Employment Commission* was established in May, 1936, required the Commission to undertake a national registration and classification of persons on aid throughout Canada [Sec. 6 (a)]. To meet this obligation there was set up the Registration Branch of the Commission, which, in co-operation with the governments of the provinces and municipalities, took a first national registration of persons on aid, where the Dominion contributed financially to such aid, in September, 1936. In order to secure current figures, comparable with those available for September, 1936, the provinces and municipalities were required to provide follow-up returns each month commencing with October, 1936. In September, 1937, a second registration was taken, based upon the experience of the previous registration, and this, too, was subsequently kept up to date month by month.

In Section III of its final report, the National Employment Commission recommended that the work of the registration be carried forward under the Minister of Labour, after the termination of the work of the Commission itself. Consequently, when the Commission ceased to exist at Feb. 1, 1938, the work of the registration was placed under the Department of Labour as the National Registration Branch, where it has been carried forward on the same basis; a third national registration, comparable with those of the two preceding years, was taken in September, 1938.

From the commencement of the national registration, the number of local authorities throughout Canada issuing aid has averaged about 2,000; the success of the registration depends upon receiving complete and reasonably prompt returns from each of these authorities.

* See the 1937 Year Book, pp. 1052-1053, and the 1938 Year Book, pp. 778-779.