

The amended Act provides that pensions payable to blind persons shall be subject to reduction as follows:—

- (a) in the case of an unmarried person or a widower without a child or children or a widow without a child or children, by the amount of the income of the pensioner in excess of two hundred dollars a year;
- (b) in the case of a married person or a widower with a child or children or a widow with a child or children, by the amount of the income of the pensioner in excess of four hundred dollars a year;
- (c) in the case of a person married to a blind person receiving a pension under the amended Act, by the amount of the income of the pensioner in excess of two hundred dollars a year.

It is also provided that no blind person who is married, or is a widower with a child or children, or a widow with a child or children, shall be entitled to any pension in excess of the pension to which an unmarried person is entitled unless such married person and his or her spouse or such widower or widow and one or more of his or her children are living together.

The Governor in Council is empowered to make regulations with regard to pensions for blind persons and to define the expression "is so blind as to be unable to perform any work for which eyesight is essential".

**28.—Financial Summary of Pensions for Blind Persons in Canada, by Provinces, as at Dec. 31, 1938.**

Item.	Prince Edward Island.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick.	Quebec.	Ontario.
	— Act effective Dec. 1, 1937.	— Act effective Oct. 1, 1937.	— Act effective Sept. 1, 1937.	— Act effective Oct. 1, 1937.	— Act effective Sept. 1, 1937.
Totals, pensioners.....No.	104	461	481	1,390	1,110
Averages, monthly pensions.....\$	13-99	18-93	19-59	19-39	19-50
Dominion Government's contributions, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1938.....\$	7,923	65,020	71,909	246,534	180,279
Dominion Government's contributions from inception of amendment to Old Age Pensions Act.....\$	7,923	65,646	72,627	254,856	186,572
	Manitoba.	Saskat- chewan.	Alberta.	British Columbia.	Total.
	— Act effective Sept. 1, 1937.	— Act effective Nov. 15, 1937.	— Act effective Mar. 7, 1938.	— Act effective Dec. 1, 1937.	
Totals, pensioners.....No.	197	193	136	216	4,290
Averages, monthly pensions.....\$	19-40	19-83	19-63	19-82	
Dominion Government's contributions, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1938.....\$	30,650	27,833	12,921	30,326	673,395
Dominion Government's contributions from inception of amendment of Old Age Pensions Act.....\$	31,010	27,533	12,921	30,326	689,714

**Section 11.—The Co-operative Movement in Canada.**

A general article on "The Co-operative Movement in Canada" appears at pp. 704-720 of the 1925 edition of the Year Book under the three sub-headings of "Consumers' Co-operation", "Co-operative Credit", and "Producers' Co-operation".\* A digest of the latest material on each of these three subdivisions of co-operation follows, the presentation of producers' co-operation being confined to that among agricultural producers.

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