

Saskatchewan.—Mothers' allowances are paid under the authority of Part VI of the Child Welfare Act (R.S.S., 1930, c. 231), originally enacted in 1917 as the Mothers' Pensions Act. Table 35 shows the numbers of families assisted and the amounts paid under the Act for the fiscal years ended Apr. 30, 1929-38.

35.—Mothers' Allowances in Saskatchewan, fiscal years ended Apr. 30, 1929-38.

| Fiscal Year. | Numbers Assisted. | | Benefits Paid. \$ |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| | Families. | Children. | |
| 1929..... | 1,214 | 4,657 | 521,880 |
| 1930..... | 1,800 | 5,465 | 467,575 |
| 1931..... | 2,183 | 6,590 | 544,250 |
| 1932..... | 2,372 | 6,431 | 483,618 |
| 1933..... | 2,511 | 6,733 | 493,915 |
| 1934..... | 2,908 | 6,794 | 497,993 |
| 1935..... | 2,526 | 7,368 | 440,580 |
| 1936..... | 2,944 | 7,638 | 474,120 |
| 1937..... | 2,958 | 7,487 | 482,411 |
| 1938..... | 3,007 | 7,554 | 495,988 |

Alberta.—The Mothers' Allowance Act (R.S.A., 1922, c. 215) was originally passed at the session of 1919, and came into force in that year. Table 36 shows the numbers of families assisted and the amounts paid under the Act from its inception to Mar. 31, 1938.

36.—Mothers' Allowances in Alberta, 1919-38.

| Year. | Numbers Assisted. | | Benefits Paid. | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| | Families. | Children. | Chargeable to Province. | Chargeable to Municipalities. | Total. |
| | | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 1919 (calendar year)..... | 245 | 766 | 19,714 | 19,714 | 39,428 |
| 1920..... | 477 | 1,502 | 80,642 | 76,787 | 157,429 |
| 1921..... | 562 | 1,636 | 103,572 | 98,302 | 201,874 |
| 1922..... | 721 | 1,864 | 126,129 | 120,629 | 246,758 |
| 1923..... | 753 | 1,887 | 122,651 | 120,035 | 242,686 |
| 1924..... | 742 | 2,136 | 129,242 | 128,169 | 257,411 |
| 1925..... | 828 | 2,271 | 142,004 | 141,562 | 283,566 |
| 1926..... | 907 | 2,290 | 157,272 | 157,013 | 314,285 |
| 1927..... | 968 | 2,445 | 174,500 | 174,440 | 348,940 |
| 1928..... | 1,029 | 2,517 | 182,352 | 182,222 | 364,574 |
| 1929..... | 1,094 | 2,880 | 198,378 | 198,377 | 396,755 |
| 1930..... | 1,270 | 3,409 | 234,523 | 231,708 | 466,231 |
| 1932 (year ended Mar. 31)..... | 1,499 | 3,747 | 242,314 | 237,293 | 479,607 |
| 1933..... | 1,675 | 3,882 | 222,606 | 216,590 | 439,196 |
| 1934..... | 1,724 | 4,060 | 223,262 | 216,721 | 439,983 |
| 1935..... | 1,812 | 4,274 | 233,804 | 228,489 | 462,293 |
| 1936..... | 2,088 | 4,764 | 257,327 | 250,175 | 507,502 |
| 1937..... | 2,319 | 5,172 | 410,872 | 164,636 | 575,508 |
| 1938..... | 2,317 | 5,177 | 462,143 | 151,421 | 613,564 |

British Columbia.—The Mother's Pensions Act (R.S.B.C., 1936, c. 194) was originally passed as c. 61 of the Acts of 1920, and came into force in July, 1920. Table 37 shows the numbers of families and the numbers of children assisted, together with the amounts expended in each of the fiscal years 1921-38.

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, but at the end of the fiscal year 1936-37 responsibility for all payments was again assumed by the province.