

Sect. 16 that a pension shall not be subject to alienation or transfer by the pensioner or to seizure in satisfaction of any claim against him.

The Governor in Council is empowered by Sect. 19 of the Act to make regulations pursuant to this section. Existing regulations were revised and approved by Orders in Council dated Dec. 9, 1937, Feb. 3, 1938, and July 27, 1939.

### 33.—Financial Summary of Old Age Pensions in Canada, by Provinces, as at Dec. 31, 1939.

Item.	Prince Edward Island.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick.	Quebec.	Ontario.	Manitoba.
	Act Effective July 1, 1933.	Act Effective Mar. 1, 1934.	Act Effective July 1, 1936.	Act Effective Aug. 1, 1936.	Act Effective Nov. 1, 1929.	Act Effective Sept. 1, 1928.
Totals, pensioners as at Dec. 31, 1939..... No.	1,983	14,540	11,854	49,017	59,895	12,530
Av. monthly pensions..... \$	11.20	14.82	14.56	17.83	18.51	18.69
Percentages of pensioners to total populations, 1939 <sup>1</sup> .....	2.09	2.61	2.63	1.53	1.60	1.72
Percentages of persons 70 years of age or over to total populations <sup>1</sup> .....	6.19	4.97	4.18	3.02	4.40	3.11
Dominion Government's contributions, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1939..... \$	190,216	1,903,437	1,511,256	7,724,937	9,739,010	2,045,715
Dominion Government's contributions from inception of Old Age Pensions Act to Dec. 31, 1939..... \$	1,003,099	10,109,193	4,784,188	24,177,886	75,773,426	16,237,316

  

Item.	Saskat- chewan.	Alberta.	British Columbia.	Northwest Territories.	Total.
	Act Effective May 1, 1928.	Act Effective Aug. 1, 1929.	Act Effective Sept. 1, 1927.	Order in Council Effective Jan. 25, 1929.	
Totals, pensioners as at Dec. 31, 1939.. No.	12,502	10,586	13,240	7	186,154
Av. monthly pensions..... \$	16.72	18.50	19.15	20.00	-
Percentages of pensioners to total populations, 1939 <sup>1</sup> .....	1.32	1.34	1.71	0.08	1.65
Percentages of persons 70 years of age or over to total populations <sup>1</sup> .....	2.35	2.36	3.54	1.22	3.59
Dominion Government's contributions, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1939..... \$	1,878,258	1,716,802	2,174,476	1,753	28,885,860
Dominion Government's contributions from inception of Old Age Pensions Act to Dec. 31, 1939..... \$	14,682,287	11,008,581	15,634,547	16,280	173,426,802

<sup>1</sup> Estimates of population on which these figures are based are given at p. 103.

**Pensions for Blind Persons.**—By an amendment to the Old Age Pensions Act in 1937, provision was made for the payment of a pension to every blind person who, at the date of the proposed commencement of pension:—

- (a) is, and continues to be so blind as to be unable to perform any work for which eyesight is essential;
- (b) has attained the age of forty years;
- (c) is not in receipt of a pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act, or an allowance in respect of blindness under the War Veterans' Allowance Act;
- (d) is:—
- (i) unmarried, or a widower without a child or children, or a widow without a child or children, and is not in receipt of an income of as much as four hundred and forty dollars a year, or—
  - (ii) married, or a widower with a child or children, or a widow with a child or children and is not in receipt of an income of as much as six hundred and forty dollars a year; and—
- (e) fulfils the conditions laid down in paragraphs (a), (c), (d), (e), and (g) of Subsection 1 of Section 8 of the Act.