

29.—Financial Summary of Old Age Pensions, by Provinces, as at Dec. 31, 1940

Item	Prince Edward Island — Act Effective July 1, 1933	Nova Scotia — Act Effective Mar. 1, 1934	New Brunswick — Act Effective July 1, 1936	Quebec — Act Effective Aug. 1, 1936	Ontario — Act Effective Nov. 1, 1929	Manitoba — Act Effective Sept. 1, 1928
Totals, pensioners as at Dec. 31, 1940.....No.	2,034	14,709	11,920	48,790	60,127	12,758
Av. monthly pensions.....\$	11.30	14.88	14.63	15.76	18.56	18.70
Percentages of pensioners to total populations, 1939 ¹	2.14	2.66	2.64	1.52	1.60	1.75
Percentages of persons 70 years of age or over to total populations ¹	6.19	4.97	4.18	3.02	4.40	3.11
Dominion Government's contributions, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1940.....\$	202,581	1,937,656	1,554,453	7,472,965	9,830,306	2,099,615
Dominion Government's contributions from inception of Old Age Pensions Act to Dec. 31, 1940.....\$	1,205,680	12,046,848	6,338,642	31,650,851	85,603,732	18,336,931

Item	Saskat- chewan — Act Effective May 1, 1928	Alberta — Act Effective Aug. 1, 1929	British Columbia — Act Effective Sept. 1, 1927	Northwest Territories — Order in Council Effective Jan. 25, 1929	Total
Totals, pensioners as at Dec. 31, 1940..No.	13,096	10,757	13,901	7	188,099
Averages, monthly pensions.....\$	16.89	18.57	19.14	20.00	—
Percentages of pensioners to total populations, 1939 ¹	1.38	1.36	1.80	0.07	1.66
Percentages of persons 70 years of age or over to total populations ¹	2.35	2.36	3.54	1.22	3.59
Dominion Government's contributions, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1940.....\$	1,954,078	1,774,810	2,313,433	1,648	29,141,545
Dominion Government's contributions from inception of Old Age Pensions Act to Dec. 31, 1940.....\$	16,636,365	12,783,391	17,947,979	17,928	202,568,347

¹ Estimates of population (as at June 1, 1939) on which these figures are based are given at p. 70.

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 Sect. 8 of the Act.

The maximum pension payable to a blind person is \$240 yearly except in the case of a blind person, who, after the coming into force of the amendment to the Act, marries a person so blind as to be unable to perform any work for which eyesight is essential. The maximum pension in such a case is \$120 yearly.