

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.

No blind person who is married, or is a widower with a child or children, or a widow with a child or children, is 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"

### 30.—Pensions for Blind Persons in Canada, by Provinces, as at Dec. 31, 1940

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.	115	603	702	1,913	1,427
Averages, monthly pensions.....\$	13.89	19.16	19.65	19.46	19.61
Dominion Government's contributions, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1940.....\$	14,360	100,016	119,057	326,187	243,352
Dominion Government's contributions from inception of amendment to Old Age Pensions Act.....\$	35,219	253,747	294,413	864,054	648,035
	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.	304	284	194	286	5,828
Averages, monthly pensions.....\$	19.59	19.90	19.50	19.81	-
Dominion Government's contributions, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1940.....\$	49,120	49,260	33,155	49,913	984,420
Dominion Government's contributions from inception of amendment to Old Age Pensions Act.....\$	119,979	119,801	74,392	124,347	2,533,987

### Section 13.—Mothers' Allowances

Seven of the provinces of Canada provide for allowances to mothers who are widowed or under certain other circumstances are without means of support. Manitoba passed necessary legislation in 1916 and was the first to make such provision. In 1924 the Manitoba Mothers' Allowances Act was repealed and its provisions included in the Child Welfare Act, which is the consolidation of all child welfare legislation for the Province. There is no such legislation in Prince Edward Island and the New Brunswick Act of 1930 has not been proclaimed in effect.