

and \$20 in other localities, with \$5 for each additional child, the total not to exceed \$45. An extra \$5 is allowed when the beneficiary is unable to work. In *Ontario*, the maximum for a mother and one child is \$35 per month in a city, \$30 in a town of over 5,000 population and \$25 in a rural district with \$5 for each additional child. The maximum in *Manitoba* for a mother and two children is \$50 excluding winter fuel, with additional allowances for more children, up to \$89. In addition, provision of \$9.50 is made for a disabled father in the home. There is also an increase of 10 p.c. in the food allowance since January, 1940. In *Saskatchewan*, maximum monthly payments range from \$3 to a mother with one child to \$44 to a mother with ten or more children. The allowance in *Alberta* is determined by the special circumstances of each case but is not to exceed \$25 per month to a mother with one child and rises to \$50 where there are five children.

Except in *Alberta*, where 25 p.c. of the allowance is borne by the municipality, the whole cost is provided from provincial funds. In *Quebec*, a 1940 amendment, not yet proclaimed, provides that a contribution not exceeding 5 p.c. of the allowances paid may be imposed on municipalities.

Nova Scotia.—The Mothers' Allowances Act (c. 4, 1930) was passed at the session of 1930 and came into force on Oct. 1, 1930.

31.—Mothers' Allowances in Nova Scotia, 1931-40

Year	Families Assisted	Children Assisted	Benefits Paid
	No.	No.	\$
1931 (year ended Sept. 30)	1,030	3,179	310,602
1932 " "	1,108	3,342	331,337
1933 " "	1,158	3,487	341,929
1934 " "	1,168	3,549	356,075
1935 (14 months ended Nov. 30)	1,239	3,720	413,997
1936 (year ended Nov. 30)	1,222	3,630	363,981
1937 " "	1,260	3,682	389,212
1938 " "	1,295	3,713	412,745
1939 " "	1,291	3,640	424,615
1940 " "	1,258	3,526	418,436

Quebec.—The Needy Mothers' Assistance Act became operative in December, 1938. From Dec. 15, 1938, to Dec. 31, 1940, 6,283 mothers benefited under its provisions, of whom 892 had one child, 3,648 had 2 children and 673 had 9 or more children. The statement below shows, in summary form, the operations of the Quebec Old Age Pensions Commission—the body charged with the administration of the Act—from the time of organization to Dec. 31, 1940.

PENSIONS PAID TO NEEDY MOTHERS IN QUEBEC, DEC. 15, 1938 TO DEC. 31, 1940

Item	1938-39	1940	Total
Allocations granted.....No.	5,176	1,898	7,074
Deaths....."	18	23	41
Allocations cancelled....."	468	674	1,142
Allocations refused....."	3,476	779	4,255
Cases reconsidered....."	4,412	4,455	8,867
Cases in which supplementary enquiries have been made.."	Nil	4,709	4,709
Cases considered by the Bureau....."	13,550	12,558	26,088
Allocations in force.....No.	4,709	1	6,283
Cheques issued....."	43,136	61,057	104,193
Reimbursements obtained from the beneficiaries.....\$	346	2,090	2,435
Amounts of allocations paid.....\$	2,064,733	2,165,053	4,229,759
Average allocations per beneficiary.....\$	41.09	1	26.04

¹ Not reported.