

Subsection 3.—Unemployment Relief

On Feb. 13, 1941, the Minister of Labour announced that Dominion contributions for direct relief would be discontinued after Mar. 31, 1941.* In arriving at this decision the Government had in mind that, through the vast expenditures entailed by the War, relief rolls had been so reduced that the withdrawal of Dominion assistance would not place any greater burden on the provinces and municipalities, and that, even without Dominion aid, this burden would be substantially lightened as the relief situation continued to improve.

Arrangements were continued with the provinces whereby the municipalities or, in any district where no municipal organization existed, the province would distribute assistance to dependants of persons interned or detained in Canada under the Defence of Canada Regulations who were, after investigation, found to be in necessitous circumstances, the Dominion fully reimbursing the province, or the municipality through the province, for such expenditures as were incurred.

Rehabilitation of Unemployed Persons of 25 to 50 Years.—Agreements were entered into with the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, providing for a Dominion contribution of 50 p.c. of the expenditures incurred by those Provinces in re-training and rehabilitating necessitous unemployed persons between 25 and 50 years of age, inclusive. The projects initiated by these Provinces and approved by the Dominion were: Nova Scotia, training in hardrock mining; New Brunswick, agricultural training; Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Farm Chore Plan. Under an agreement effective to Mar. 31, 1942, the Dominion continued to contribute to a farm rehabilitation plan in the Province of Ontario.

Relief Settlement.—The Dominion continued to assist the Provinces of Quebec, Manitoba and Alberta in placing selected families, who would otherwise be in receipt of direct relief, on the land under the Relief Settlement Plan outlined at p. 762 of the 1937 Canada Year Book. Under the Unemployment and Agricultural Assistance Act, 1940, further agreements providing for continuity of settlement with agreements that expired on Mar. 31, 1940, had been completed with these three provinces.

* In the case of one project in the Province of Quebec, Dominion assistance was continued to Mar. 31, 1942.

9.—Settler Families and Individuals Approved and Settled Under Relief Settlement Agreements, 1932 to Mar. 31, 1942

Province	Settler Families	Total Individuals
	No.	No.
Nova Scotia.....	343	2,154
Quebec.....	6,082	33,693
Ontario.....	606	2,990
Manitoba.....	1,688	8,490
Saskatchewan.....	939	4,604
Alberta.....	1,092	5,148
British Columbia.....	52	285
Totals.....	10,802	57,364