

Section 10.—Old Age Pensions and Pensions for Blind Persons*

The Old Age Pensions Act, 1927.—Legislation respecting Old Age Pensions (R.S.C., 1927, c. 156) was adopted by the Dominion Parliament in 1927. Under the provisions of this statute the Dominion Government reimbursed each province participating in the Dominion scheme to the extent of one-half of the provincial expenditure for old age pensions. An amendment passed at the 1931 session of Parliament (c. 42, Statutes of 1931) provided that the Dominion contribution to the provinces be increased from 50 p.c. to 75 p.c. of the provincial disbursements for old age pensions. The Dominion contribution of 75 p.c. of provincial disbursements was made effective from Nov. 1, 1931; the provinces have since been reimbursed on this basis.

The Dominion Old Age Pensions Act is now operative in all provinces and in the Northwest Territories.

Conditions under which pensions are granted and the qualifications required of applicants are set forth at p. 705 of the 1941 Year Book.

* Revised under the direction of Dr. W. C. Clark, Deputy Minister, Department of Finance, Ottawa.

30.—Financial Summary of Old Age Pensions, by Provinces, as at Dec. 31, 1941

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, 1941..... No.	1,983	14,415	11,785	47,686	59,778	12,737
Av. monthly pensions.... \$	11.25	15.04	14.81	16.04	18.62	18.70
Percentages of pensioners to total populations, 1940.....	2.07	2.57	2.58	1.47	1.58	1.74
Percentages of persons 70 years of age or over to total populations.....	6.25	5.00	4.16	2.98	4.37	3.14
Dominion Government's contributions from inception of Old Age Pensions Act to Dec. 31, 1941.... \$	1,406,804	13,985,652	7,892,066	38,385,421	95,376,013	20,434,770

Item	Saskatchewan	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, 1941.No.	13,147	10,852	14,443	8	186,834
Av. monthly pensions.....\$	17.08	18.62	18.97	20.00	-
Percentages of pensioners to total populations, 1940.....	1.37	1.36	1.86	0.08	-
Percentages of persons 70 years of age or over to total populations.....	2.30	2.39	3.60	1.22	-
Dominion Government's contributions from inception of Old Age Pensions Act to Dec. 31, 1941..... \$	18,632,154	14,574,874	20,333,261	19,807	231,040,822