

Subsection 3.—Workmen's Compensation

Workmen's Compensation can be regarded from two standpoints: (1) the industrial, and (2) its relationship to the broad field of public welfare. It is perhaps one of those border-line cases where either point of view is justified (see Subsection 8 for others). Nevertheless, because Workmen's Compensation^r (unlike unemployment insurance for instance) is entirely the responsibility of industry and is closely associated with labour and the compensation of the worker, it is felt that the statistics regarding it are more logically dealt with in the Labour Chapter where they will be found at pp. 766-771. The welfare aspect of payments made to workers injured in the course of their duties should not, however, be overlooked.

Subsection 4.—Old Age Pensions and Pensions for Blind Persons

Old Age Pensions.—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.

By Orders in Council passed under the authority of the War Measures Act the maximum pension has been increased from \$240 to \$300 a year and the maximum income (including pension) from \$365 to \$425 a year.

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.

3.—Summary of Old Age Pensions, by Provinces, as at Dec. 31, 1945

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, 1945.....No.	1,982	14,625	12,653	50,644	59,774	12,669
Av. monthly pensions... \$	18.91	22.60	22.33	23.94	24.50	24.51
Percentages of pensioners to total populations, 1945.....	2.15	2.36	2.70	1.42	1.49	1.72
Percentages of persons 70 years of age or over to total populations.....	6.63	5.20	4.64	3.23	5.02	4.08
Dominion Government's contributions from incep- tion of Old Age Pensions Act to Dec. 31, 1945... \$	2,483,542	23,532,805	15,877,839	74,103,048	139,833,924	29,929,919