

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

Item	Saskatchewan — Act Effective May 1, 1928	Alberta — Act Effective Aug. 1, 1929	British Columbia — Act Effective Sept. 1, 1927	Northwest Territories — Order in Council Effective Jan. 25, 1929	Total
Totals, pensioners as at Dec. 31, 1945.No.	13,193	11,884	16,213	11	193,648
Av. monthly pensions..... \$	24.59	24.12	24.37	24.09	-
Percentages of pensioners to total populations, 1945.....	1.56	1.44	1.71	0.09	-
Percentages of persons 70 years of age or over to total populations.....	3.59	3.35	4.97	1.52	-
Dominion Government's contributions from inception of Old Age Pensions Act to Dec. 31, 1945..... \$	28,494,772	23,204,495	31,998,301	30,251	369,488,896

The Dominion administration of the Old Age Pensions Act was transferred to the Department of National Health and Welfare in 1945; Table 4 shows the Dominion's contributions to the provinces on account of old age pensions for the calendar years 1939-45. The total contribution of the Dominion, since the inception of the Act, is given by provinces in Table 3.

4.—Dominion Contributions to Old Age Pensions, by Provinces, 1940-45

Province or Territory	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island.....	202,581	201,124	201,235	246,974	310,884	317,646
Nova Scotia.....	1,937,656	1,938,803	1,942,586	2,063,739	2,661,149	2,879,679
New Brunswick.....	1,554,453	1,553,425	1,594,770	1,666,318	2,254,359	2,470,325
Quebec.....	7,472,965	6,734,570	6,953,721	7,958,042	10,125,809	10,680,055
Ontario.....	9,830,306	9,772,280	9,675,804	9,778,542	12,047,712	12,955,853
Manitoba.....	2,099,615	2,097,840	2,090,650	2,030,837	2,723,390	2,650,271
Saskatchewan.....	1,954,078	1,995,789	2,046,196	2,138,325	2,818,034	2,860,063
Alberta.....	1,774,810	1,791,483	1,823,369	1,968,091	2,347,231	2,490,931
British Columbia.....	2,313,433	2,385,282	2,439,747	2,643,686	3,167,470	3,414,137
Northwest Territories.....	1,648	1,879	2,078	2,016	2,946	3,404
Totals.....	29,141,545	28,472,475	28,770,156	30,496,570	38,458,984	40,722,364

Pensions for Blind Persons.—By an amendment to the Old Age Pensions Act in 1937, provision was made for the payment of pensions to blind persons over the age of 40 years. The requirements which an applicant for a pension in respect of blindness must fulfil are set forth at pp. 706-707 of the 1941 Year Book. The maximum income (including pension) is higher in the case of a blind pensioner. The maximum income in different cases is set forth in the Old Age Pensions Act. Amendments made under the War Measures Act apply to blind pensioners.

At Dec. 31, 1945, the average pension received in each province was as follows: P.E.I., \$22.35; N.S., \$24.17; N.B., \$24.61; Que., \$24.71; Ont., \$24.69; Man., \$24.80; Sask., \$24.83; Alta., \$24.45; B.C., \$24.58.