On Mar. 31, 1945, 30,531 immediate annuity contracts and 81,653 deferred annuity contracts and certificates were in force, making a total of 112,184. The total value on that date was \$243,537,624 and the amount of vested annuity in force on that date was \$12,158,592.

8.—Government Annuities Fund Statements, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1941-45

Item	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets					
Fund at beginning of fiscal year Receipts during the year, less payments	140, 420, 970 15, 632, 102	156,053,072 16,857,963	172,911,035 17,387,444	190, 298, 479 23, 263, 058	213, 561, 537 29, 976, 087
Fund at end of fiscal year	156,053,072	172,911,035	190,298,479	213,561,537	243,537,624
Liabilities					-
Value of outstanding contracts	156,053,072	172,911,035	190,298,479	213,561,537	243,537,624
Receipts					
Immediate annuities	7, 135, 033 11, 717, 512 5, 734, 008 111, 425	7,043,299 12,640,571 6,373,932 616,982	5,475,992 15,026,136 7,026,977 497,790	5,688,944 21,020,193 7,802,409 32,181	7,686,992 25,676,877 8,826,238 257,288
Totals, Receipts	24,697,978	26,674,784	28,026,895	34,543,727	42,447,395
Payments					
Payments under vested annuity contracts. Return of premiums with interest Return of premiums without interest		9, 445, 176 318, 419 53, 226	10,147,590 405,098 86,763	10,849,633 321,996 109,040	11,724,554 459,321 287,433
Totals, Payments	9,065,876	9,816,821	10,639,451	11,280,669	12,471,308

9.—Numbers and Values of Annuities Contracted for, as at Mar. 31, 1944 and 1945

=	1944			1945 •		
Classification	Annuities	Amount of Annuity	Value, at Mar. 31, of Annuities in Force	Annuities	Amount of Annuity	Value, at Mar. 31, of Annuities in Force
	No.	\$	8	No.	\$	\$
Immediate	12,325 12,337 3,537 71,231 99,430	4,512,949 5,192,000 1,498,878 1 11,203,827 ²	42, 875, 863 62, 317, 695 20, 386, 868 87, 981, 111 213,561,537	13,244 13,542 3,745 81,653 112,184	4,817,805 5,749,070 1,591,717 1 12,158,592	45,343,920 68,082,223 21,476,478 108,635,003 243,537,624

¹Undetermined.

Subsection 6.-Mothers' Allowances*

All provinces except Prince Edward Island provide for allowances to mothers who are widowed or who, for other reasons, are without means of support. Manitoba was the first to enact such legislation in 1916. Five other provinces followed between 1917 and 1920. The Nova Scotia and Quebec Acts came into effect in 1930 and 1938, respectively. A New Brunswick statute of 1930, proclaimed in effect in 1943, was replaced by a new Act in 1944.

² Amount of immediate annuities.

^{*} Revised from data obtained from the provinces concerned, under the direction of A. MacNamara, C.M.G., Deputy Minister, Department of Labour.