

7.—Statistics of Pensions for Blind Persons, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1943-47

| Province and Date Effective | Year Ended Mar. 31- | Average Monthly Pension | Blind Pensioners | Percentage of Blind Pensioners to Population ¹ | Dominion Government's Contribution for Fiscal Year |
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| | | \$ | No. | p. c. | \$ |
| Prince Edward Island..... (Act effective Dec. 1, 1937) | 1943 | 16.14 | 116 | 0.121 | 15,249 |
| | 1944 | 22.41 | 111 | 0.122 | 19,545 |
| | 1945 | 22.40 | 110 | 0.121 | 22,012 |
| | 1946 | 22.33 | 119 | 0.129 | 22,795 |
| | 1947 | 22.84 | 121 | 0.129 | 24,211 |
| Nova Scotia..... (Act effective Oct. 1, 1937) | 1943 | 19.22 | 620 | 0.106 | 107,397 |
| | 1944 | 21.21 | 633 | 0.104 | 114,043 |
| | 1945 | 24.23 | 640 | 0.105 | 140,039 |
| | 1946 | 24.19 | 664 | 0.107 | 142,672 |
| | 1947 | 24.25 | 685 | 0.112 | 147,486 |
| New Brunswick..... (Act effective Sept. 1, 1937) | 1943 | 19.67 | 722 | 0.155 | 129,585 |
| | 1944 | 23.28 | 710 | 0.153 | 136,447 |
| | 1945 | 24.54 | 736 | 0.159 | 161,588 |
| | 1946 | 24.65 | 737 | 0.157 | 161,978 |
| | 1947 | 24.65 | 758 | 0.158 | 166,414 |
| Quebec..... (Act effective Oct. 1, 1937) | 1943 | 19.61 | 2,173 | 0.064 | 379,129 |
| | 1944 | 24.37 | 2,250 | 0.065 | 452,061 |
| | 1945 | 24.74 | 2,425 | 0.069 | 530,169 |
| | 1946 | 24.73 | 2,568 | 0.072 | 568,428 |
| | 1947 | 24.73 | 2,709 | 0.075 | 605,761 |
| Ontario..... (Act effective Sept. 1, 1937) | 1943 | 19.70 | 1,502 | 0.039 | 266,354 |
| | 1944 | 24.19 | 1,449 | 0.037 | 283,956 |
| | 1945 | 24.73 | 1,488 | 0.038 | 331,210 |
| | 1946 | 24.72 | 1,543 | 0.039 | 341,574 |
| | 1947 | 24.71 | 1,623 | 0.040 | 359,860 |
| Manitoba..... (Act effective Sept. 1, 1937) | 1943 | 19.72 | 348 | 0.047 | 59,753 |
| | 1944 | 24.22 | 339 | 0.047 | 60,199 ² |
| | 1945 | 24.69 | 348 | 0.048 | 85,130 ² |
| | 1946 | 24.84 | 365 | 0.050 | 79,473 |
| | 1947 | 24.71 | 391 | 0.054 | 86,625 |
| Saskatchewan..... (Act effective Nov. 15, 1937) | 1943 | 19.86 | 320 | 0.035 | 58,030 |
| | 1944 | 24.54 | 317 | 0.038 | 64,035 |
| | 1945 | 24.94 | 333 | 0.039 | 74,239 |
| | 1946 | 24.74 | 340 | 0.040 | 76,836 |
| | 1947 | 24.83 | 363 | 0.044 | 81,939 |
| Alberta..... (Act effective Mar. 7, 1938) | 1943 | 19.76 | 239 | 0.030 | 40,969 |
| | 1944 | 24.15 | 242 | 0.031 | 47,914 |
| | 1945 | 24.53 | 247 | 0.030 | 54,289 |
| | 1946 | 24.51 | 269 | 0.033 | 57,550 |
| | 1947 | 24.51 | 290 | 0.036 | 62,155 |
| British Columbia..... (Act effective Dec. 1, 1937) | 1943 | 19.42 | 334 | 0.040 | 58,363 |
| | 1944 | 24.19 | 323 | 0.036 | 65,829 |
| | 1945 | 24.75 | 336 | 0.036 | 73,302 |
| | 1946 | 24.59 | 340 | 0.036 | 75,441 |
| | 1947 | 24.59 | 370 | 0.037 | 80,435 |
| Canada ³ | 1943 | 19.55 | 6,374 | 0.055 | 1,114,828 |
| | 1944 | 23.84 | 6,374 | 0.054 | 1,244,030 |
| | 1945 | 24.63 | 6,663 | 0.056 | 1,471,978 |
| | 1946 | 24.62 | 6,945 | 0.057 | 1,526,747 |
| | 1947 | 24.63 | 7,311 | 0.059 | 1,615,136 |

¹ In calculating percentages as of Mar. 31, the population figure used was that of the preceding June, as given at p. 140. ² \$8,286 for fiscal year 1943-44 charged to fiscal year 1944-45. ³ Previous to 1947 no pensions were paid in Yukon or the Northwest Territories; in 1947, one pension of \$25 monthly was paid in the Northwest Territories, for which the Dominion Government's contribution was \$250.