

**6.—Statistics of Pensions for the Blind, including Federal Government Contributions, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1946-48**

Province and Effective Date of Act	Year <sup>1</sup>	Average Pension	Number of Pensioners	Percentage of Pensioners to Population <sup>2</sup>	Federal Contribution During Fiscal Year
		\$	No.	p. c.	\$
Prince Edward Island..... (Dec. 1, 1937)	1946	22.33	119	0.129	22,795
	1947	22.84	121	0.129	24,211
	1948	27.91	126	0.134	29,424
Nova Scotia..... (Oct. 1, 1937)	1946	24.19	664	0.107	142,672
	1947	24.25	685	0.112	147,486
	1948	29.59	805	0.130	181,815
New Brunswick..... (Sept. 1, 1937)	1946	24.65	737	0.157	161,978
	1947	24.65	758	0.158	166,414
	1948	29.83	896	0.182	217,407
Quebec..... (Oct. 1, 1937)	1946	24.73	2,568	0.072	568,428
	1947	24.73	2,709	0.075	605,761
	1948	29.69	3,178	0.086	801,694
Ontario..... (Sept. 1, 1937)	1946	24.72	1,543	0.039	341,574
	1947	24.71	1,623	0.040	359,860
	1948	29.83	1,814	0.043	464,864
Manitoba..... (Sept. 1, 1937)	1946	24.84	365	0.050	79,473
	1947	24.71	391	0.054	86,625
	1948	29.92	455	0.061	114,975
Saskatchewan..... (Nov. 15, 1937)	1946	24.74	340	0.040	76,836
	1947	24.83	363	0.044	81,939
	1948	29.78	409	0.049	107,611
Alberta..... (Mar. 7, 1938)	1946	24.51	269	0.033	57,550
	1947	24.51	290	0.036	62,155
	1948	29.98	332	0.040	81,256
British Columbia..... (Dec. 1, 1937)	1946	24.59	340	0.036	75,441
	1947	24.59	370	0.037	80,435
	1948	29.67	460	0.044	108,589
<b>Totals (including North west Territories)</b>	<b>1946</b>	<b>24.62</b>	<b>6,945</b>	<b>0.057</b>	<b>1,526,747</b>
	<b>1947</b>	<b>24.63</b>	<b>7,311</b>	<b>0.059</b>	<b>1,615,136</b>
	<b>1948</b>	<b>29.73</b>	<b>8,476</b>	<b>0.067</b>	<b>2,107,990</b>

<sup>1</sup> All figures except those in last column refer to the month of March of the year indicated.

<sup>2</sup> Com-  
piled on population estimate for preceding June (see p. 139).

**Subsection 3.—Provincial Programs**

**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 1943, was replaced by a new Act in 1944.