

6.—Statistics of Pensions for the Blind, by Provinces, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1947-50

Province and Territory and Effective Date of Act	Year Ended Mar.31—	Average Pension ¹	Pensioners ¹		Federal Contribution During Year
			No.	P.C. of Pensioners ¹ to Population ²	
		\$	No.	p.c.	\$
Newfoundland..... (Apr. 1, 1949)	1950	29.38	171	0.049	35,662
Prince Edward Island..... (Dec. 1, 1937)	1947	22.84	121	0.129	24,211
	1948	27.91	126	0.134	29,424
	1949	28.58	122	0.131	30,929
	1950	37.66	129	0.137	40,336
Nova Scotia..... (Oct. 1, 1937)	1947	24.25	685	0.112	147,486
	1948	29.59	805	0.130	181,815
	1949	29.62	878	0.138	224,480
	1950	38.44	962	0.149	311,947
New Brunswick..... (Sept. 1, 1937)	1947	24.65	758	0.158	166,414
	1948	29.83	896	0.182	217,407
	1949	29.66	1,000	0.199	263,021
	1950	39.06	1,047	0.203	357,877
Quebec..... (Oct. 1, 1937)	1947	24.73	2,709	0.075	605,761
	1948	29.69	3,178	0.086	801,694
	1949	29.60	3,544	0.093	939,002
	1950	39.07	3,869	0.100	1,312,410
Ontario..... (Sept. 1, 1937)	1947	24.71	1,623	0.040	359,860
	1948	29.83	1,814	0.043	464,864
	1949	29.63	2,070	0.048	564,315
	1950	38.88	2,243	0.051	778,909
Manitoba..... (Sept. 1, 1937)	1947	24.71	391	0.054	86,625
	1948	29.92	455	0.061	114,975
	1949	29.68	503	0.066	134,300
	1950	39.29	539	0.069	184,497
Saskatchewan..... (Nov. 15, 1937)	1947	24.83	363	0.044	81,939
	1948	29.78	409	0.049	107,611
	1949	29.69	451	0.053	124,068
	1950	38.91	472	0.055	161,883
Alberta..... (Mar. 7, 1938)	1947	24.51	290	0.036	62,155
	1948	29.98	332	0.040	81,256
	1949	29.84	418	0.049	104,681
	1950	38.68	453	0.052	148,295
British Columbia..... (Dec. 1, 1937)	1947	24.59	370	0.037	80,435
	1948	29.67	460	0.044	108,589
	1949	29.15	580	0.054	146,888
	1950	38.17	629	0.056	204,086
Yukon..... (Apr. 1, 1949)	1950	40.00	2	0.041	240
Totals (including N.W.T.)³	1947	24.63	7,311	0.059	1,615,136
	1948	29.73	8,476	0.067	2,107,990
	1949	29.59	9,567	0.074	2,532,074
	1950	38.73	10,517	0.078	3,536,731

¹ For the month of March of the fiscal year indicated.

² Based on population estimate for preceding June.

³ In March, 1950, a monthly pension of \$40 was paid to the one blind pensioner in Northwest Territories.

Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons on Old-Age Security.—From April to June, 1950, the Joint Committee on Old Age Security gave careful study to the operation and effects of the existing old age pension program in Canada and reviewed the present provisions for old-age income security in Australia, New Zealand, Denmark, Sweden, the United States, Great Britain, France and Switzerland.

In considering possible alternative measures for old-age security in Canada, the Committee gave special attention to representations received from Provincial Governments, from representatives of agricultural, labour, business and welfare organizations and from a number of well-known authorities in various aspects of