

taxable income and the proceeds of a 2 p.c. sales tax. The latter tax is not new but is simply an earmarking of one-fifth of the existing sales tax of 10 p.c. Temporary loans may be made to the Old Age Security Fund, subject to repayment as directed.

It is estimated that the pension payments will cost from \$322,000,000 to \$330,000,000 in the first year of operation—the year ending Mar. 31, 1953. Collections from the three taxes for the same period are estimated at: personal tax, \$52,000,000; corporate tax, \$48,000,000; and sales tax, \$135,000,000; a total of \$235,000,000.

The total number of persons in Canada who were 70 years of age or over in 1952 is estimated at 682,000. Some of these will not be eligible because of insufficient years of residence and certain eligible persons may not apply.

The program is administered by the National Director of Old Age Security of the Department of National Health and Welfare through the ten regional offices established in connection with the payment of family allowances. The two programs are administered largely by the same personnel.

Persons in receipt of pension at the end of 1951 under the Old Age Pensions Act of 1927 were transferred to the rolls of the universal pension as of January 1952, without further action on their part. Other persons make application to the regional director located at their provincial capital. The regional director for the Yukon and Northwest Territories is located at Ottawa. In certain provinces supplements are payable to recipients of old age security.

**2.—Old Age Security Statistics, by Provinces, January, February and March 1952**

Province and Month	Pensioners	Pensions Paid (Gross)	Province or Territory and Month	Pensioners	Pensions Paid (Gross)
	No.	\$		No.	\$
<b>Newfoundland—</b>			<b>Manitoba—</b>		
January.....	14,056	562,240	January.....	36,144	1,445,760
February.....	14,097	565,920	February.....	37,351	1,502,040
March.....	14,177	569,160	March.....	37,826	1,525,840
<b>Prince Edward Island—</b>			<b>Saskatchewan—</b>		
January.....	6,162	246,480	January.....	35,622	1,424,880
February.....	6,279	253,880	February.....	36,316	1,470,480
March.....	6,338	255,440	March.....	37,153	1,510,400
<b>Nova Scotia—</b>			<b>Alberta—</b>		
January.....	33,547	1,341,880	January.....	35,194	1,407,760
February.....	34,169	1,373,600	February.....	35,895	1,444,240
March.....	34,832	1,420,240	March.....	36,637	1,485,080
<b>New Brunswick—</b>			<b>British Columbia—</b>		
January.....	24,044	961,760	January.....	69,325	2,773,000
February.....	24,382	985,280	February.....	70,825	2,853,960
March.....	24,540	988,840	March.....	72,225	2,922,360
<b>Quebec—</b>			<b>N.W.T. and Yukon—</b>		
January.....	135,265	5,410,600	January.....	377	15,080
February.....	138,146	5,598,640	February.....	401	16,600
March.....	139,954	5,638,000	March.....	406	16,760
<b>Ontario—</b>			<b>Canada—</b>		
January.....	227,864	9,114,560	January.....	617,600	24,704,000
February.....	233,774	9,523,480	February.....	631,635	25,588,120
March.....	238,925	9,700,680	March.....	643,013	26,032,800