

Administrative responsibility for the program is vested in the province; the provincial plan for such administration must be approved by, and cannot be changed except with the consent of, the Governor in Council. The allowances are paid by the province with federal reimbursement made through the Department of National Health and Welfare. The Old Age Assistance Division of that Department administers the federal aspects of the program. In certain provinces, supplements are payable to the recipients of allowances for the blind.

Table 8 presents the statistics available for the early months of the program.

8.—Statistics of Allowances for the Blind, by Provinces, January, February and March, 1952

Province or Territory and Month	Recipients		Average Amount of Allowance Monthly	P.C. of Recipients to Population Age 60-69 ¹	Federal Contribution for the Month
	No.	\$	p. c.	\$	
Newfoundland.....	Jan.	311	39.62	—	9,241
	Feb.	318	39.23	—	9,424
	Mar.	321	39.26	0.18	9,572
Prince Edward Island.....	Jan.	76	38.13	—	2,173
	Feb.	76	38.13	—	2,173
	Mar.	75	38.10	0.15	2,113
Nova Scotia.....	Jan.	735	38.71	—	21,363
	Feb.	734	38.77	—	21,443
	Mar.	734	38.69	0.21	21,394
New Brunswick.....	Jan.	780	39.23	—	22,952
	Feb.	784	39.24	—	23,210
	Mar.	783	39.25	0.30	23,024
Quebec	Jan.	3,073	39.58	—	91,217
	Feb.	3,066	39.54	—	91,411
	Mar.	3,013	39.48	0.14	89,274
Ontario.....	Jan.	1,599	39.15	—	46,950
	Feb.	1,589	39.22	—	47,341
	Mar.	1,604	39.20	0.06	48,693
Manitoba.....	Jan.	403	39.47	—	11,966
	Feb.	404	39.37	—	11,996
	Mar.	401	39.37	0.09	11,987
Saskatchewan.....	Jan.	338	39.47	—	10,006
	Feb.	340	39.22	—	10,080
	Mar.	343	39.25	0.07	10,581
Alberta.....	Jan.	380	39.02	—	11,363
	Feb.	378	38.90	—	11,134
	Mar.	376	38.89	0.07	11,270
British Columbia.....	Jan.	425	38.70	—	12,408
	Feb.	424	39.29	—	12,603
	Mar.	426	39.25	0.06	12,816
Northwest Territories.....	Jan.	1	40.00	—	30
	Feb.	1	40.00	—	30
	Mar.	1	40.00	0.01	30
Yukon Territory ²	Jan.	2	40.00	—	60
	Feb.	2	40.00	—	60
	Mar.	2	40.00	0.03	60
Canada.....	Jan.	8,123	39.29	—	239,729
	Feb.	8,116	39.29	—	240,905
	Mar.	8,079	39.25	0.10	240,814

¹ Population as at June 1, 1951. ² Pensions granted under the Old Age Pensions Act and continued under authority of Sect. 13 (2) of the Blind Persons Act.