

1.—Family Allowance Statistics, by Province, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1950-53—concluded

Province or Territory	Year Ended Mar. 31-	Families Receiving Allowance in March	Children for Whom Allowance Paid in March	Average Number of Children per Family in March	Average Allowance ¹		Net Total Allowances Paid During Fiscal Year
					per Family	per Child	
		No.	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
Manitoba.....	1950	105,611	220,862	2.09	12.58	6.02	15,668,695
	1951	108,288	228,245	2.11	12.66	6.00	16,235,520
	1952	110,466	235,347	2.13	12.78	6.00	16,703,467
	1953	113,329	244,376	2.16	12.93	6.00	17,283,860
Saskatchewan.....	1950	116,917	261,623	2.24	13.56	6.06	18,953,600
	1951	118,276	264,582	2.24	13.59	6.08	19,237,071
	1952	119,006	267,625	2.25	13.64	6.06	19,424,562
	1953	120,781	272,958	2.26	13.73	6.07	19,723,352
Alberta.....	1950	130,686	280,780	2.15	12.89	6.00	19,822,387
	1951	135,864	292,104	2.15	12.91	6.01	20,762,273
	1952	140,497	303,646	2.16	12.99	6.01	21,573,430
	1953	147,006	320,934	2.18	13.12	6.01	22,575,584
British Columbia.....	1950	156,367	299,838	1.92	11.44	5.96	20,813,661
	1951	161,088	313,525	1.95	11.59	5.95	21,952,569
	1952	166,734	329,130	1.97	11.81	5.98	23,063,643
	1953	173,993	347,610	2.00	12.02	6.02	24,399,859
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	1950	3,833	8,281	2.16	13.51	6.25	587,750
	1951	4,040	8,819	2.18	13.89	6.36	625,349
	1952	4,077	9,053	2.22	13.26	5.97	649,273
	1953	4,296	9,619	2.24	13.67	6.10	680,828
Canada.....	1950	1,852,269	4,202,263	2.27	13.64	6.01	297,514,034
	1951	1,910,192	4,367,391	2.29	13.72	6.00	309,465,461
	1952	1,966,721	4,530,186	2.30	13.82	6.00	320,457,673
	1953	2,041,341	4,729,172	2.32	13.94	6.02	334,197,685

¹ Based on gross payments for March.

Subsection 2.—Old Age Security

Under the Old Age Security Act (R.S.C. 1952, c. 200), effective January 1952, a universal pension of \$40 a month is payable by the Federal Government to all persons aged 70 or over, subject only to a residence qualification. Residence requirement is 20 years immediately preceding commencement of pension with certain temporary absences allowed. Where the applicant has not so resided for the complete 20 years, the periods of absence may be made up by having been present in Canada, prior to the 20-year period, for double the periods of absence; for these persons, there is a further requirement of one year's residence immediately preceding the commencement of the pension.

Payment of the pension is suspended when the pensioner leaves Canada. On his return, the pension may be resumed and, in the case of absences not exceeding six months, payment may then be made retroactively for as many as three such months in any calendar year.

The program is financed on a pay-as-you-go basis. Payment of the pension is made from the Consolidated Revenue Fund and charged to the Old Age Security Fund account. The income of the Old Age Security Fund is derived from three sources. First, there is a 2-p.c. tax on personal taxable income, that is, on income less exemptions and deductions. The maximum tax per person is \$60 per annum; the tax became effective in July 1952, resulting in a maximum tax of \$30 for that year. The fund also receives the amount collected by a special 2-p.c. tax on corporate