

3.—Old Age Security Statistics by Province, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1955-57

Province and Year	Pensioners in March	Pensions Paid during Fiscal Year (net)		Province or Territory and Year	Pensioners in March	Pensions Paid during Fiscal Year (net)	
		No.	\$			No.	\$
Newfoundland.....	1955	15,693	7,459,680	Manitoba.....	1955	44,591	21,051,155
	1956	15,973	7,599,405		1956	46,396	21,953,425
	1957	16,248	7,738,205		1957	47,908	22,842,472
Prince Edward Island..	1955	6,786	3,261,800	Saskatchewan.....	1955	44,821	21,202,779
	1956	6,884	3,313,930		1956	47,101	22,331,244
	1957	6,993	3,371,370		1957	48,984	23,334,799
Nova Scotia.....	1955	37,801	18,149,526	Alberta.....	1955	45,384	21,418,246
	1956	38,212	18,411,345		1956	48,163	22,681,995
	1957	38,860	18,706,153		1957	50,524	23,942,472
New Brunswick.....	1955	27,014	12,945,905	British Columbia....	1955	90,201	42,449,810
	1956	27,513	13,246,139		1956	94,611	44,657,286
	1957	28,170	13,523,005		1957	99,320	46,923,634
Quebec.....	1955	158,109	74,724,977	Yukon and North-west Territories.	1955	540	245,360
	1956	163,173	77,110,979		1956	556	268,440
	1957	168,407	79,650,588		1957	579	280,680
Ontario.....	1955	274,680	130,296,095	Canada.....	1955	745,620	353,205,333
	1956	283,171	134,644,236		1956	771,753	366,218,474
	1957	291,493	138,792,796		1957	797,486	379,111,374

Subsection 3.—Government Annuities*

Under the Government Annuities Act (R.S.C. 1952, c. 132), passed in 1908, the Federal Government carries on a service to assist Canadians to make provision for old age. The Act is administered by the Minister of Labour.

A Canadian Government annuity is a fixed yearly income purchased from and paid by the Government of Canada. The annuity is payable in monthly instalments for life, or for life and guaranteed for a period of years. The minimum annuity is \$10 and the maximum \$1,200 a year or the actuarial equivalent if the annuity is to reduce by the amount of payments under the Old Age Security Act. Annuity contracts may be deferred or immediate. Deferred annuities are purchased by periodic or single premiums. Immediate annuity contracts provide immediate income. Annuities may now be arranged to reduce by \$55 per month at age 70 to fit in with payments under the Old Age Security Act.

The property and interest of the annuitant are neither transferable nor attachable. In the event of the death of the annuitant before a deferred annuity vests, all money paid is refunded with interest. Provision is made in the Act for group annuity contracts whereby employers may contract for the purchase of annuities on behalf of their employees, or associations on behalf of their members, the purchase money being derived partly from wages and partly from employer contributions or entirely from employer contributions. Group annuity plans now in effect cover a variety of industries and many municipal corporations throughout Canada. Annuities arising from individual contracts may be taxable in either of two ways: (1) if registered under Sect. 79B of the Income Tax Act for tax exemption on premiums, the annuity is fully taxable, or (2) if not registered the annuity is taxable on the interest portion only. Annuities arising from approved pension plans are fully taxable but the employee and the employer are entitled to tax exemption year by year on their annual contributions to the pension plan.

From Sept. 1, 1908, the date of the inception of the system, to Mar. 31, 1957, the total number of annuity contracts and certificates issued excluding replacements was 434,116. On the latter date 73,997 annuities were being paid amounting to \$37,272,532 annually and 306,338 deferred annuities were being purchased. The net total amount of purchase money received up to Mar. 31, 1957, was \$1,040,628,000.

* Revised in the Government Annuities Branch, Department of Labour, Ottawa.