

12.—Mothers' Allowances by Province, as at Mar. 31, 1955 and 1956¹

Province and Year ¹	Families Assisted	Children Assisted	Benefits Paid ²	Province and Year	Families Assisted	Children Assisted	Benefits Paid
	No.	No.	\$		No.	No.	\$
Newfoundland—				Ontario—			
1955.....	3,152	8,605	1,324,438	1955.....	7,294	16,496	6,545,452
1956 ²	386	1,001	718,259	1956.....	7,266	16,664	6,768,617
P. E. Island—				Manitoba—			
1955.....	237	611	73,250	1955.....	1,202	3,131	1,131,897
1956.....	285	734	78,613	1956.....	1,188	2,868	1,148,874
Nova Scotia—				Saskatchewan—			
1955.....	2,077	5,522	1,504,575	1955.....	2,397	6,359	1,252,019
1956.....	2,065	5,575	1,525,388	1956.....	2,521	6,662	1,507,975
New Brunswick—				Alberta—			
1955.....	2,087	6,051	1,301,900	1955.....	1,719	3,904	1,198,414
1956.....	2,022	5,825	1,250,075	1956.....	1,809	4,105	1,314,733
Quebec—				British Columbia—			
1955.....	20,024	58,070	7,956,309	1955.....	393	900	225,446 ³
1956.....	19,944	57,838	7,824,626	1956.....	323	742	184,688 ³

¹ Year ended Mar. 31. ² Families receiving aid under the Mothers' Allowances Act, who were not yet transferred to Social Assistance (see p. 282). ³ Not including \$175,997 and \$148,003 paid as supplementation from social allowance funds in 1955 and 1956 respectively.

Subsection 2.—Provincial Welfare Services

The care and protection of neglected and dependent children, care of the aged, social assistance or relief, and other special welfare services are governed by provincial legislation although in many areas responsibility for services rests with municipal or voluntary organizations. Though the programs and the methods of financing vary considerably, most provinces share the costs of some or all of the municipal services in organized areas and assume the total cost in unorganized territories. The medical services available to social assistance recipients are described at pp. 236-251, mothers' allowances are dealt with in the immediately preceding subsection, old age assistance at pp. 276-277, allowances for the blind at pp. 278-279 and allowances for totally and permanently disabled persons at pp. 279-281.

Newfoundland.—Provincial welfare services are administered by the Department of Public Welfare through a number of regional welfare centres.

Child Care and Protection.—Child welfare has developed largely as a public service and is administered by the Child Welfare Division. Neglected children, made wards of the Director, are placed in foster or adoptive homes or in institutions. The Department pays for the maintenance of wards, grants subsidies for children admitted to orphanages administered by religious organizations, and contributes towards the cost of educating blind and deaf-mute children in institutions outside the Province. The Division operates an Infants' Home providing short-term care.

The Division of Corrections, established in 1953, deals with juvenile delinquents and adult offenders and administers correctional institutions for boys and girls. A Youth Guidance Authority has been established.

Care of the Aged.—The Province maintains a Home for the Aged and Infirm at St. John's and also pays in whole or in part the cost of maintaining needy old people in the Salvation Army Home, in the Cowan Mission Association Home, in licensed boarding homes or in private homes. In 1955 a grant of 20 p.c. of costs, to be paid over a 10-year period, was made to the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation for the construction of a home and provision is made for grants to similar projects under other auspices.