

## 1.—Family Allowances Statistics, by Province, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1957-59—concluded

Province or Territory and Year	Families Receiving Allowance in March	Children for Whom Allowance Paid in March	Average Number of Children per Family in March	Average Allowance <sup>1</sup>		Net Total Allowances Paid during Fiscal Year
				Per Family	Per Child	
	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$
New Brunswick.....1957	77,833	218,703	2.81	17.05	6.07	15,779,360
1958	79,237	224,047	2.83	18.89	6.68	17,074,970
1959	80,857	229,505	2.84	19.00	6.69	18,201,518
Quebec.....1957	642,573	1,729,386	2.69	16.39	6.09	124,368,344
1958	664,852	1,786,800	2.69	18.02	6.70	136,080,634
1959	686,872	1,848,138	2.69	18.01	6.69	146,278,435
Ontario.....1957	800,279	1,734,813	2.17	13.05	6.02	122,539,123
1958	833,495	1,825,274	2.19	14.59	6.66	136,706,314
1959	870,582	1,922,653	2.21	14.69	6.65	150,186,253
Manitoba.....1957	122,386	276,912	2.26	13.65	6.03	19,888,717
1958	124,257	283,863	2.28	15.22	6.66	21,520,778
1959	126,989	292,697	2.30	15.34	6.66	23,091,594
Saskatchewan.....1957	126,271	298,085	2.36	14.31	6.06	21,644,971
1958	127,904	306,045	2.39	15.89	6.64	23,241,829
1959	130,210	313,926	2.41	16.03	6.65	24,789,278
Alberta.....1957	172,533	395,234	2.29	13.76	6.00	27,953,311
1958	179,237	414,550	2.31	15.36	6.64	31,029,720
1959	187,561	437,883	2.33	15.51	6.64	34,122,637
British Columbia.....1957	207,626	440,749	2.12	12.86	6.06	31,029,472
1958	217,009	466,169	2.15	14.35	6.68	34,989,036
1959	225,492	488,891	2.17	14.49	6.68	38,409,308
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....1957	4,794	11,317	2.36	14.00	5.93	819,150
1958	5,033	12,045	2.39	15.87	6.63	907,321
1959	5,267	13,423	2.55	17.21	6.75	990,349
<b>Canada.....1957</b>	<b>2,326,891</b>	<b>5,571,436</b>	<b>2.39</b>	<b>14.49</b>	<b>6.05</b>	<b>397,517,840</b>
<b>1958</b>	<b>2,406,734</b>	<b>5,796,380</b>	<b>2.41</b>	<b>16.08</b>	<b>6.68</b>	<b>437,886,560</b>
<b>1959</b>	<b>2,492,581</b>	<b>6,035,256</b>	<b>2.42</b>	<b>16.15</b>	<b>6.67</b>	<b>474,787,068</b>

<sup>1</sup> Based on gross payment for March.

## Subsection 2.—Old Age Security

The Old Age Security Act of 1952, as amended, provides a universal pension of \$55 a month, payable by the Federal Government to all persons aged 70 or over, subject to a residence qualification. To qualify for pension a person must have resided in Canada for ten years immediately preceding its commencement or, if absent during that period, must have been actually present in Canada prior to it for double any period of absence and must have resided in Canada at least one year immediately preceding commencement of pension. A 1960 amendment to the Act provides that payment of pension may be continued for any period of residence outside Canada if a pensioner has resided in Canada for at least 25 years after attaining the age of 21 or, if he has not, it may be continued for six consecutive months exclusive of the month of departure from Canada.

Until Jan. 1, 1959, the pension was financed on a pay-as-you-go method through a 2-p.c. sales tax, a 2-p.c. tax on corporation income and, subject to a limit of \$60 a year, a 2-p.c. tax on personal income. Effective Jan. 1, 1959, the tax on corporation income and from Apr. 9, 1959, the sales tax, were raised to 3 p.c. The rate on taxable personal income was raised, as from July 1, 1959, to 2.5 p.c., with a maximum of \$75 for 1959. Beginning with 1960, the rate on taxable personal income was raised to 3 p.c., with a maximum of \$90 a year. Taxes are paid into the Old Age Security Fund. If they are insufficient to meet