

## 7.—Old Age Assistance Statistics, by Province, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1957-59—concluded

Province or Territory and Year	Recipients in Month of March	Average Amount of Monthly Assistance	P.C. of Recipients to Population Age 65-69	Federal Government Contribution during Year
	No.	\$		\$
New Brunswick.....	1957	5,624	36.92	1,276,064 <sup>r</sup>
	1958	5,724	52.46 <sup>2</sup>	1,559,905
	1959	5,795	51.62	1,829,266
Quebec.....	1957	31,031	37.47	7,159,030 <sup>r</sup>
	1958	32,318	52.45 <sup>2</sup>	8,702,893
	1959	34,134	51.88	10,593,250
Ontario.....	1957	20,744	36.93	4,677,968 <sup>r</sup>
	1958	21,077	51.76 <sup>2</sup>	5,650,281
	1959	22,381	48.96	6,707,318
Manitoba.....	1957	4,560	37.88	1,065,848 <sup>r</sup>
	1958	4,474	53.37 <sup>2</sup>	1,297,115
	1959	4,836	51.98	1,572,890
Saskatchewan.....	1957	4,963	37.11	1,159,833 <sup>r</sup>
	1958	5,129	52.52 <sup>2</sup>	1,435,188
	1959	5,537	51.35	1,763,549
Alberta.....	1957	5,400	36.14	1,220,050 <sup>r</sup>
	1958	5,715	51.33 <sup>2</sup>	1,538,751
	1959	6,096	50.62	1,877,243
British Columbia.....	1957	7,029	37.67	1,669,790 <sup>r</sup>
	1958	6,906	52.91 <sup>2</sup>	1,979,058
	1959	7,276	51.96	2,291,662
Yukon Territory.....	1957	31	40.00	6,640
	1958	41	46.00 <sup>3</sup>	9,726
	1959	38	55.00	13,280
Northwest Territories.....	1957	102	37.96	22,619 <sup>r</sup>
	1958	103	53.99 <sup>2</sup>	29,385
	1959	124	51.20	39,989
<b>Canada.....</b>	1957	<b>89,907</b>	<b>37.03</b>	<b>20,399,105<sup>r</sup></b>
	1958	<b>92,484</b>	<b>52.19</b>	<b>24,961,383</b>
	1959	<b>97,836</b>	<b>50.97</b>	<b>30,207,284</b>

<sup>1</sup> During fiscal year maximum assistance was raised from \$30 to \$40 per month. <sup>2</sup> During fiscal year maximum raised from \$40 to \$55 a month. <sup>3</sup> During fiscal year monthly maximum raised from \$40 to \$46; raised to \$55 in May 1958, retroactive to Nov. 1, 1957.

## Subsection 2.—Allowances for Blind Persons

The Blind Persons Act of 1952, as amended November 1957, provides for federal reimbursement to the provinces for allowances to blind persons aged 18 or over who are in need and who have resided in Canada for at least ten years. The federal contribution may not exceed 75 p.c. of \$55 a month or of the allowance paid, whichever is less. The province administers the program and, within the limits of the federal Act, may fix the amount of allowance payable and the maximum income allowed. All provinces pay a maximum of \$55 a month.

To qualify for an allowance a person must meet the required definition of blindness and have resided in Canada for ten years immediately preceding commencement of allowance or, if absent from Canada during this period, must have been present in Canada prior to its commencement for a period equal to double any period of absence.