

For an unmarried person, total income including the allowance may not exceed \$1,200 a year; for a person with no spouse but with one or more dependent children, \$1,680; for a married couple, \$1,980. When the spouse is also blind, income of the couple may not exceed \$2,100. Allowances are not payable to a person receiving assistance under the Old Age Assistance Act, an allowance under the Disabled Persons Act or the War Veterans Allowance Act, a pension under the Old Age Security Act or a pension for blindness under the Pensions Act.

British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Yukon Territory make supplementary payments to recipients of blindness allowances who qualify under income and residence tests. In British Columbia a flat rate allowance of \$24 a month is payable, in Alberta the supplement may not exceed \$15 a month, and in the Yukon \$10 a month. In Saskatchewan, a minimum of \$2.50 a month is payable, rising to a maximum of \$10 a month. In Ontario, the government shares to the extent of 80 p.c. in the first \$20 a month paid by a municipality to a needy recipient. In Manitoba, the province is empowered to reimburse a municipality for 80 p.c. of the supplementary assistance it pays to recipients of allowances for blind persons. In some provinces and in the Yukon, recipients in special need may also be eligible for relief.

#### 8.—Statistics of Allowances for the Blind, by Province, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1957-59

Province and Year	Recipients in Month of March	Average Amount of Monthly Allowance	P.C. of Recipients to Population Age 20-69	Federal Government Contribution during Year	
	No.	\$		\$	
Newfoundland.....	1957	370	39.47	0.186	132,572 <sup>r</sup>
	1958	376	54.45 <sup>1</sup>	0.190	152,688
	1959	407	54.41	0.197	199,975
Prince Edward Island.....	1957	90	37.38	0.170	31,267
	1958	96	53.13 <sup>1</sup>	0.198	37,568
	1959	87	53.48	0.174	43,338
Nova Scotia.....	1957	714	39.25	0.194	258,095 <sup>r</sup>
	1958	745	53.92 <sup>1</sup>	0.204	312,969
	1959	787	53.40	0.214	376,544
New Brunswick.....	1957	719	39.53	0.251	258,382 <sup>r</sup>
	1958	715	53.94 <sup>1</sup>	0.258	310,481
	1959	724	53.90	0.252	357,742
Quebec.....	1957	2,918	39.32	0.118	1,046,323 <sup>r</sup>
	1958	2,956	54.41 <sup>1</sup>	0.117	1,264,975
	1959	3,056	54.06	0.116	1,500,856
Ontario.....	1957	1,713	39.09	0.056	613,257 <sup>r</sup>
	1958	1,720	53.73 <sup>1</sup>	0.053	735,344
	1959	1,833	50.75	0.054	867,247
Manitoba.....	1957	402	39.60	0.083	147,725
	1958	392	54.33 <sup>1</sup>	0.082	170,031
	1959	409	53.51	0.085	198,649
Saskatchewan.....	1957	399	38.80	0.081	141,839 <sup>r</sup>
	1958	412	53.32 <sup>1</sup>	0.088	176,095
	1959	417	53.01	0.088	203,034
Alberta.....	1957	418	39.25	0.070	151,071
	1958	451	53.63 <sup>1</sup>	0.071	188,604
	1959	464	53.22	0.070	223,721
British Columbia.....	1957	482	39.17	0.062	169,387
	1958	505	53.67 <sup>1</sup>	0.059	213,809
	1959	530	53.61	0.060	248,774

For footnote, see end of table.