

## Subsection 4.—Unemployment Assistance

Under the Unemployment Assistance Act of 1956 as amended, the Federal Government may share with a province and its municipalities 50 p.c. of the cost of financial assistance to unemployed persons. A 1957 amendment deleted a provision under which federal reimbursement is made only in respect of recipients in excess of 0.45 p.c. of the provincial population. No distinction is made in the legislation between the employable and the unemployable.

Reimbursement is made to the province for payments within the existing provincial framework of general assistance. The scale and conditions of relief payments to recipients continue to be determined by the provinces and municipalities, except that the province agrees not to make length of residence a condition for the receipt of assistance when an applicant comes from another province which has signed a similar agreement.

The Act excludes federal reimbursement for payments for persons receiving mothers' allowances. While it also generally excludes inmates of public and charitable institutions, it provides for federal sharing of provincial and municipal payments for those in certain types of homes for special care. Those receiving various types of social security payments under other programs are also excluded but the Federal Government shares with the provinces any additional relief payments, other than cost-of-living bonuses or across-the-board pension supplements, made to such persons who are unemployed and in need. Health care and administration costs are also excluded from Federal Government reimbursement.

Agreements for the payment of federal assistance, effective July 1, 1955, were made with five provinces—Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. New Brunswick and Ontario entered the scheme, effective Jan. 1, 1956 and Dec. 1, 1956, respectively; and Nova Scotia and Alberta, effective Jan. 1, 1958. At the end of 1958 the Northwest Territories signed an agreement effective Jan. 1 of that year and in 1959 Quebec and Yukon Territory entered into agreements effective July 1, 1958 and Jan. 1, 1959, respectively. All parts of Canada were thus participating in the program in 1959, though at the end of the year reimbursement claims covering the period of the agreement had not been received from Quebec or the Yukon.

## 10.—Unemployment Assistance, by Province, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1957-59

Province and Year	Federal Share of Unemployment Assistance Costs	Recipients in March	Province or Territory and Year	Federal Share of Unemployment Assistance Costs	Recipients in March
	\$	No.		\$	No.
Newfoundland.....1957	1,562,058	39,489	Manitoba.....1957	668,652	9,836
1958	1,787,626	45,799	1958	849,842 <sup>1</sup>	..
1959	3,040,767	58,264	1959	1,604,219	16,065
Prince Edward Island....1957	54,036	1,532	Saskatchewan.....1957	512,678	10,123
1958	73,010	1,724	1958	813,080	12,873
1959	67,726	1,418	1959	1,420,618	15,507
Nova Scotia.....1958 <sup>1</sup>	76,179	5,083	Alberta.....1958 <sup>1</sup>	—	—
1959	298,458	9,209	1959	1,858,633	15,899
New Brunswick.....1957	32,887	3,797	British Columbia.....1957	2,299,894	21,289
1958	94,217	5,800	1958	2,828,568	24,341
1959	180,614	7,589	1959	6,136,935	39,398
Quebec.....1959 <sup>2</sup>	—	—	Yukon Territory.....1959 <sup>3</sup>	—	—
Ontario.....1957 <sup>4</sup>	640,103	37,512	Northwest Territories..1959	5,921	157
1958	3,617,332	61,623	<b>Totals.....1957</b>	<b>5,770,310</b>	<b>123,578</b>
1959	9,325,564	79,385	1958	9,839,854	157,243
			1959	23,939,455	242,881

<sup>1</sup> Agreement effective from Jan. 1, 1958.<sup>2</sup> Agreement effective from July 1, 1958; no federal payments in the year ended Mar. 31, 1959.<sup>3</sup> Agreement effective from Dec. 1, 1956.<sup>4</sup> Eight months only.<sup>5</sup> Agreement effective from Jan. 1, 1959; no federal payments in the year ended Mar. 31, 1959.