

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.

Recipients of blindness allowances who are in need may receive supplementary aid under general assistance programs in the provinces. Where the amount of aid is determined through an individual assessment of need, which takes the recipient's requirements and resources into consideration, the Federal Government may share in it under the Unemployment Assistance Act.

**5.—Statistics of Allowances for the Blind, by Province, Year Ended Mar. 31, 1962 with Totals for 1958-62**

NOTE.—Provincial figures for each year from the inception of the Act to 1961 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1952-53 edition.

| Province or Territory      | 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.....          | 429                          | 54.40 <sup>1</sup>                  | 0.204                                      | 208,816                                     |
| Prince Edward Island.....  | 80                           | 63.13 <sup>2</sup>                  | 0.157                                      | 40,168                                      |
| Nova Scotia.....           | 771                          | 63.74 <sup>2</sup>                  | 0.205                                      | 386,325                                     |
| New Brunswick.....         | 697                          | 64.24 <sup>2</sup>                  | 0.241                                      | 349,237                                     |
| Quebec.....                | 2,901                        | 53.59 <sup>2</sup>                  | 0.104                                      | 1,412,002                                   |
| Ontario.....               | 1,846                        | 57.94 <sup>2</sup>                  | 0.053                                      | 836,687                                     |
| Manitoba.....              | 378                          | 62.93 <sup>2</sup>                  | 0.076                                      | 188,335                                     |
| Saskatchewan.....          | 406                          | 53.03 <sup>2</sup>                  | 0.085                                      | 193,308                                     |
| Alberta.....               | 454                          | 53.17 <sup>2</sup>                  | 0.063                                      | 222,545                                     |
| British Columbia.....      | 563                          | 53.47 <sup>1</sup>                  | 0.062                                      | 270,365                                     |
| Yukon Territory.....       | 3                            | 55.00 <sup>2</sup>                  | 0.036                                      | 1,485                                       |
| Northwest Territories..... | 45                           | 52.11 <sup>3</sup>                  | 0.372                                      | 20,580                                      |
| <b>Canada.....</b>         |                              |                                     |  |   |
|                            | <b>1962</b>                  | <b>8,573</b>                        | <b>0.087</b>                               | <b>4,129,852</b>                            |
|                            | <b>1961</b>                  | <b>8,642</b>                        | <b>0.089</b>                               | <b>4,161,833</b>                            |
|                            | <b>1960</b>                  | <b>8,671</b>                        | <b>0.090</b>                               | <b>4,197,087</b>                            |
|                            | <b>1959</b>                  | <b>8,747</b>                        | <b>0.092</b>                               | <b>4,235,131</b>                            |
|                            | <b>1958</b>                  | <b>8,400</b>                        | <b>0.090</b>                               | <b>3,575,724</b>                            |

<sup>1</sup> The increase in the maximum rate of allowance from \$55 to \$65 a month was effective in these provinces from Apr. 1, 1962. <sup>2</sup> The effective date for the increase from \$55 to \$65 a month in the maximum rate of allowance was Feb. 1, 1962 in these jurisdictions but not all of them had made the adjustments by Mar. 31, 1962. <sup>3</sup> The effective date of the increase from \$55 to \$65 a month in the maximum rate of allowance was July 1, 1962. <sup>4</sup> The average monthly allowance was \$62.65 for June 1962, the first month for which an average based on the maximum of \$65 a month was computed.

**Subsection 3.—Allowances for Disabled Persons**

The Disabled Persons Act of 1954, as amended, provides for federal reimbursement to the provinces for allowances paid to permanently and totally disabled persons aged 18 or over who are in need and who have resided in Canada for at least ten years immediately preceding commencement of allowance or, if absent from Canada during this period, have been present in Canada prior to its commencement for a period equal to double any period of absence. To qualify for an allowance a person must meet the definition of permanent and total disability set out in the Regulations to the Act which requires that a person must be suffering from a major physiological, anatomical or psychological impairment, verified by objective medical findings; the impairment must be one that is likely to continue indefinitely without substantial improvement and that will severely limit activities of normal living. The federal contribution may not exceed 50 p.c. of \$65 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, the maximum income allowed and other conditions of eligibility. All provinces use a maximum payment of \$65 a month and the income limits set out in the following paragraph.