

6.—Unemployment Assistance, by Province, Year Ended Mar. 31, 1963 with Totals for 1959-63

NOTE.—Provincial figures for each year from the inception of the Act to 1962 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1957-58 edition.

Province	Recipients ¹ in March	Federal Share of Unem- ployment Assistance Costs ²	Province or Territory	Recipients ¹ in March	Federal Share of Unem- ployment Assistance Costs ²
	No.	\$		No.	\$
Newfoundland.....	59,199	4,218,134	British Columbia.....	94,570	15,798,280
Prince Edward Island.....	3,270	225,123	Yukon Territory.....	292	52,496
Nova Scotia.....	28,056	1,610,250	Northwest Territories.....	685	62,848
New Brunswick.....	39,782	1,704,427			
Quebec.....	265,612	36,274,266	Canada.....1963	754,164	96,184,792
Ontario.....	141,068	20,447,510	1962	703,601	87,427,726
Manitoba.....	32,579	4,526,878	1961	562,720	59,707,964
Saskatchewan.....	44,227	4,777,912	1960	322,553	38,201,087
Alberta.....	44,824	6,486,668	1959	297,760	30,849,721

¹ Includes dependants. ² Payment figures shown are for the months to which the claims made under the program relate and include amounts paid to the provinces by the Federal Government after the end of the fiscal year.

Subsection 5.—Fitness and Amateur Sport Program

The Fitness and Amateur Sport Act, 1961 brought a new focus and impetus to the development of fitness in Canada and to efforts to raise levels of participation and proficiency in both competitive and non-competitive sports. The Act is administered by the Fitness and Amateur Sport Directorate in the Welfare Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare. The legislation provides for an annual \$5,000,000 allocation "to encourage, promote and develop fitness and amateur sport". The program operates through three main channels. Grants are made to national organizations for projects of national interest and to assist national and international aspects of the program, and to the provinces to develop and extend community effort. In addition, federal co-ordinating and developmental work is carried on by the Department in co-operation with other agencies concerned with different aspects of fitness and amateur sport.

A 30-member National Advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport advises the Minister on the program and committees of experts advise on technical aspects as required.

One of the main tasks undertaken, in addition to aiding participation in sports and fitness events, has been the building up of training for leaders, coaches and other professional personnel at the community level; the Act bolsters and enlarges the emphasis previously given to this work by programs in operation in the provinces. Scholarships, fellowships and bursaries assist persons in undertaking professional studies in physical education, recreation and the medical aspects of fitness.

The Act provides for aid to research on fitness matters and for surveys of resources, facilities and personnel. The urgent need for new and greatly expanded informational material for both the expert and the public has long been recognized; through the new program, instructional material suitable to Canadian needs is developed with the co-operative efforts of experts from across Canada.