

#### 4.—Old Age Assistance Statistics, by Province, Year Ended Mar. 31, 1966 with Totals for 1964-66

Province	Recipients in Month of March	Average Monthly Assistance	Federal Contribution during Year	Province or Territory	Recipients in Month of March	Average Monthly Assistance	Federal Contribution during Year
	No.	\$	\$		No.	\$	\$
Newfoundland.....	4,060	72.14	2,121,068	Alberta.....	5,453	68.61	2,795,633
Prince Edward Island...	988	70.73	498,378	British Columbia.....	5,478	71.74	2,836,336
Nova Scotia.....	4,423	67.96	2,188,257	Yukon Territory.....	26	75.00	13,553
New Brunswick.....	4,200	69.72	2,161,779	Northwest Territories..	133	73.64	73,722
Quebec.....	1	1	1	<b>Canada..... 1966</b>	<b>52,988<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>68.85<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>26,960,518<sup>2</sup></b>
Ontario.....	19,991	67.28	10,009,001	1965	107,351	69.43	44,390,955
Manitoba.....	4,241	69.02	2,188,141	1964	195,241	65.72	39,208,181
Saskatchewan.....	3,975	68.87	2,697,642				

<sup>1</sup> Effective Apr. 1, 1965, assistance ceased to be paid to Quebec (see on p. 315).

<sup>2</sup> Excludes Quebec.

#### Subsection 3.—Allowances for Blind Persons

The Blind Persons Act of 1951, as amended, provides for federal reimbursement to the provinces for allowances to blind persons age 18 or over who are in need. The federal contribution may not exceed 75 p.c. of \$75 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. Effective Apr. 1, 1965, Quebec withdrew from this federal-provincial program under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act, which entitles the province to a tax abatement as an equalization payment.

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 during the period. For an unmarried person, total income including the allowance may not exceed \$1,500 a year; for a person with no spouse but with one or more dependent children, \$1,980; for a married couple, \$2,580. When the spouse is also blind, income of the couple may not exceed \$2,700. 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.

Recipients of blindness allowances who are in need may receive supplementary aid under general assistance programs in the provinces. In certain circumstances, the Federal Government may share in such aid under the Unemployment Assistance Act (see p. 317).

#### 5.—Statistics of Allowances for the Blind, by Province, Year Ended Mar. 31, 1966 with Totals for 1964-66

Province	Recipients in Month of March	Average Monthly Allowance	Federal Contribution during Year	Province or Territory	Recipients in Month of March	Average Monthly Allowance	Federal Contribution during Year
	No.	\$	\$		No.	\$	\$
Newfoundland.....	445	73.27	304,203	Alberta.....	448	72.38	307,676
Prince Edward Island...	72	72.92	47,372	British Columbia.....	532	73.30	358,287
Nova Scotia.....	714	72.72	487,504	Yukon Territory.....	6	75.00	3,994
New Brunswick.....	626	73.35	458,437	Northwest Territories..	44	75.00	32,310
Quebec.....	1	1	1	<b>Canada..... 1966</b>	<b>5,437<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>71.05<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>3,632,212<sup>2</sup></b>
Ontario.....	1,820	67.54	1,153,040	1965	8,556	72.10	5,624,792
Manitoba.....	364	72.19	251,355	1964	8,581	68.12	4,959,897
Saskatchewan.....	366	71.74	248,004				

<sup>1</sup> Effective Apr. 1, 1965, assistance ceased to be paid to the Province of Quebec under this program.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes Quebec.