

assistance within a single Act, while continuing separate administration. In British Columbia, on the other hand, aid is provided to needy mothers under the general assistance program on the same basis as to other needy persons.

Subject to conditions of eligibility which vary from province to province, mothers' allowances or their equivalents are payable from provincial funds to applicants who are widowed, or whose husbands are mentally incapacitated or are physically disabled and unable to support their families. They are also payable to deserted wives who meet specified conditions; in several provinces to mothers whose husbands are in penal institutions, or who are divorced or legally separated; in some, to unmarried mothers; and in Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia to Indian mothers. Foster mothers are eligible under certain circumstances in most provinces.

The age limit for children is 16 years in most provinces, with provision made to extend payment for a specified period if the child is attending school or if he is physically or mentally handicapped. In all provinces applicants must satisfy conditions of need and residence but the amount of outside income and resources allowed and the length of residence required prior to application vary, the most common period being one year. One province has a citizenship requirement.

8.—Mothers' Allowances, by Province, as at Mar. 31, 1965 with Totals for 1963-65

Province	Families Assisted	Children Assisted	Payments during the Year Ended Mar. 31
	No.	No.	\$
Newfoundland.....	5,382	14,538	5,343,344
Prince Edward Island.....	314	760	247,455
Nova Scotia.....	3,436	8,449	2,684,337
New Brunswick.....	2,284	6,282	2,089,325
Quebec.....	15,785	48,076	21,087,715
Ontario ¹	12,073	31,273	17,043,696
Manitoba.....	1,975	4,499	3,047,284
Saskatchewan.....	2,461	6,276	3,811,472
Alberta ²	679	1,246	741,105
British Columbia.....	"	"	"
Canada⁴.....	1965	121,399	56,075,733
	1964	123,791	55,425,144
	1963	120,229	50,641,496

¹ Includes dependent fathers assisted under the General Welfare Assistance Act. ² An additional 4,106 families with 12,540 children were assisted under Part III of the Public Welfare Act; cost of allowances for this group is not available separately. ³ Caseload merged with social assistance; no separate figures available. ⁴ Exclusive of British Columbia.

Subsection 3.—Living Accommodation for Elderly Persons

In all provinces, homes for the aged and infirm are provided under provincial, municipal or voluntary auspices. These homes are required to meet standards set out in provincial legislation relating to homes for the aged, welfare institutions, or public health. Voluntary homes are usually provincially inspected and in some provinces must be licensed.

Most of the provinces make capital grants toward the construction or renovation of homes for the aged by municipalities or voluntary organizations and exempt homes for