

5.—Old Age Assistance Statistics, by Province, Year Ended Mar. 31, 1967 with Totals for 1965-67

| 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..... | 3,110 | 71.69 | 1,675,756 | Alberta..... | 3,617 | 65.62 | 2,092,389 |
| Prince Edward Island..... | 712 | 70.35 | 390,463 | British Columbia..... | 4,074 | 72.18 | 2,252,115 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 3,134 | 68.39 | 1,667,068 | Yukon Territory..... | 15 | 74.73 | 8,828 |
| New Brunswick..... | 3,033 | 70.06 | 1,620,148 | Northwest Territories..... | 120 | 72.75 | 62,085 |
| Quebec..... | — | — | — | Canada..... | 35,546 | 68.52 | 19,750,744 |
| Ontario..... | 13,279 | 67.04 | 7,238,584 | 1966 | 52,988² | 68.85² | 26,980,510² |
| Manitoba..... | 2,956 | 68.73 | 1,611,858 | 1965 | 107,354 | 69.43 | 44,990,955 |
| Saskatchewan..... | 1,496 | 67.62 | 1,131,452 | | | | |

¹ Effective Apr. 1, 1965, Quebec withdrew from this program.

² Part of the decrease resulted from the

lowering of the age limit for old age security pensions.

Subsection 4.—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 meet the ten-year residence and income requirements. 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.

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 program.

Under the terms of the Canada Assistance Plan a province may elect to aid needy blind persons under a general assistance program with costs shared under the Canada Assistance Plan (see p. 333). Accordingly, several provinces no longer accept applications under the Blind Persons Allowance Act. The provinces may also transfer current recipients of blind persons allowances to their general programs, provided that there is no decrease in benefits, and are gradually altering their programs in this way.

6.—Statistics of Allowances for the Blind, by Province, Year Ended Mar. 31, 1967 with Totals for 1965-67

| 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..... | 438 | 72.98 | 292,224 | Alberta..... | 412 | 71.89 | 284,078 |
| Prince Edward Island..... | 67 | 72.92 | 46,142 | British Columbia..... | 484 | 73.60 | 336,639 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 682 | 73.19 | 466,060 | Yukon Territory..... | 5 | 75.00 | 3,881 |
| New Brunswick..... | 589 | 73.44 | 407,930 | Northwest Territories..... | 38 | 75.00 | 28,069 |
| Quebec ¹ | — | — | — | Canada..... | 5,022 | 70.94 | 3,377,418 |
| Ontario..... | 1,710 | 67.09 | 1,081,629 | 1966 | 5,437 | 71.05 | 3,632,212 |
| Manitoba..... | 325 | 72.58 | 226,219 | 1965 | 8,586 | 72.10 | 5,624,702 |
| Saskatchewan..... | 272 | 71.60 | 204,547 | | | | |

¹ Effective Apr. 1 1965, Quebec withdrew from this program.