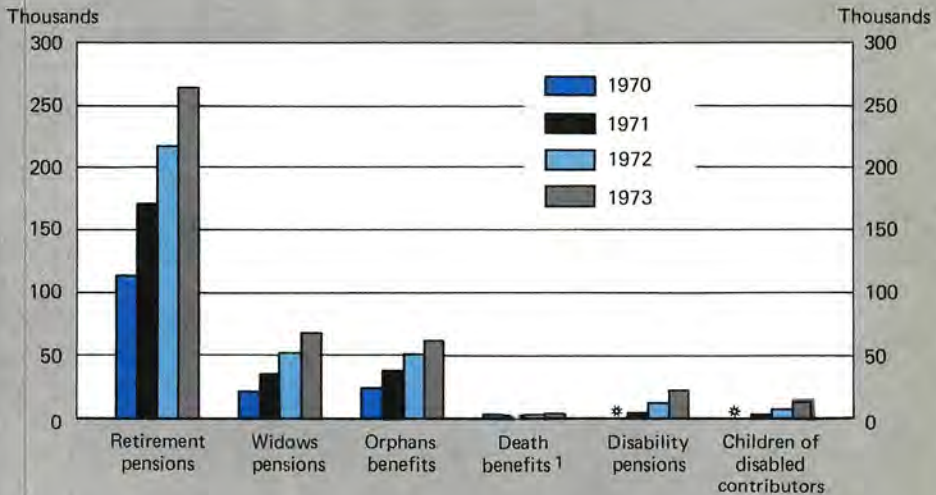


### Canada Pension Plan benefits: number of beneficiaries, by type of benefit, March 1970-73



1. Total for each fiscal year.

\*1970 figure too small to chart.

imum of 10% of the year's maximum pensionable earnings in the year of death, or \$660 in 1974, is paid to the estate.

Any contributor or beneficiary under the Plan has the right to appeal decisions. Appeals by employees and employers regarding coverage and contributions are first made to the Minister of National Revenue and, if the individual is not satisfied with the Minister's decision, he may appeal to the Pension Appeals Board, whose decision is final. For self-employed persons, appeals regarding the assessment of their earnings for Canada Pension Plan purposes are treated in the same way as appeals under the Income Tax Act. With respect to benefits, there is a three-stage appeal procedure: first, to the Minister of National Health and Welfare; second, to a Review Committee; and third, to the Pension Appeals Board, whose decision is final. The legislation provides for investment of the funds collected annually by the Plan, less the benefit payments and administrative costs. These funds are made available to a province for investment under a formula based on the ratio of the province's contributions to total contributions to the Plan. Funds not borrowed by the provinces are invested in federal securities. The Canada Pension Plan is entirely self-supporting. A statement of the CPP's financial situation appears in Tables 6.12 and 6.13.

An Advisory Committee, representing employers, employees, self-employed persons and the public, regularly reviews the operations of the Plan, the state of the investment fund and the adequacy of coverage and benefits, and reports to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. The legislation authorizes arrangements to be made with other countries to achieve as full coverage of persons in the labour force in Canada as possible and to ensure the portability of pension credits between Canada and the countries concerned. For a detailed description of private pension plans, see the *1972 Canada Year Book* p 360.

#### 6.3.2 Quebec Pension Plan

The Quebec Pension Plan (QPP) was established in 1965 as the Quebec counterpart of the Canada Pension Plan (see Section 6.3.1). Quebec amended the Quebec Pension Plan effective January 1, 1973 with respect to the earnings ceiling, the maximum escalation fac-