

Membership in the corporation is obligatory for chartered banks, Quebec savings banks and those federally incorporated loan and trust companies that accept deposits from the public. Provincially incorporated loan and trust companies that accept deposits from the public are eligible to apply for membership if they have the consent of the province of incorporation. The definition of deposits, set out in the general bylaw of the corporation, might be summarized as money received by a member institution that is repayable on demand or notice and money that is repayable on a fixed date not more than five years after the money is received. Deposits not payable in Canada or in Canadian currency are not insured.

Provincial government insurance

19.3.4.2

Manitoba. The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation is a Crown corporation established under the Automobile Insurance Act. The act provides for establishment of a universal, compulsory automobile insurance plan and of other plans of automobile insurance within the province. The corporation started operations November 1, 1971. In mid-1975, the corporation began offering a wide range of non-compulsory general insurance coverages in competition with private insurance companies. Revenue for the plan comes from three sources — premiums on drivers' licences, premiums on vehicles, and a two-cents-a-gallon insurance premium on gasoline. Premiums are also based on such factors as year, make, model and use of the car, and rating territory, based on the address of the vehicle owner.

Saskatchewan. A Saskatchewan government insurance office, a Crown corporation established by the Saskatchewan Government Insurance Act, 1944, started business in May 1945. It provides all types of insurance other than sickness and life. The aim of the legislation is to provide residents with low-cost insurance designed for their needs. Rates are based on loss experience in Saskatchewan only and the surplus is invested, to the extent possible, within the province. Premium income for 1976 amounted to \$43.2 million and earned deficit amounted to \$722,000. The total amount made available to the Saskatchewan government finance office from 1945 to December 31, 1976 exceeded \$10 million. Assets at the latter date were \$120.8 million of which \$64.2 million was invested in bonds and debentures issued by the province and by municipalities, hospitals and schools. Independent insurance agents, numbering 517, sell insurance throughout the province on behalf of the government insurance office.

The Automobile Accident Insurance Act, administered by the insurance office on behalf of the provincial government, provides a comprehensive automobile accident insurance plan. Premiums paid by motorists create a fund from which benefits are paid in the event of death, injury or damages sustained in automobile accidents. Any surplus over payments is used to increase benefits, reduce premiums or absorb deficits in periods of high accident frequency. The plan provides protection against loss arising out of a motorist's liability to pay for bodily injury or death of others and damage to property of others, up to a limit of \$35,000, regardless of the number of claims arising from any one accident. Comprehensive coverage, including collision and upset, is also provided. From the inception of the act in 1946 to December 31, 1976, more than \$420 million was paid in claims.

The insurance office, under contract with the Saskatchewan tourism and renewable resources department, offers insurance to farmers covering damage to crops by certain wildlife such as ducks, geese, sandhill cranes, deer, elk, bear and antelope.

Alberta. A variety of agencies in Alberta offer forms of prepaid protection corresponding to insurance, but the nature of the enabling legislation governing these plans emphasizes the fact that they do not constitute insurance. Because such exemptions are specifically provided by the insurance laws of the province, reference to these plans is necessary only to make it clear that they do not come within the scope of the Alberta Insurance Act. It should be noted that the Alberta Hail Insurance Act and the Alberta Crop Insurance Act are administered by the Alberta Hail and Crop Insurance Corporation and each contains a clause exempting its operations from the provisions of the Alberta Insurance Act.