

3.—Old Age Security Statistics, by Province, Year Ended Mar. 31, 1962 with Totals for 1958-62

NOTE.—Provincial figures for each year from the inception of the Act to 1961 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1952-53 edition.

Province	Pensioners in March	Net Pensions Paid during Fiscal Year	Province or Territory	Pensioners in March	Net Pensions Paid during Fiscal Year
	No.	\$		No.	\$
Newfoundland.....	17,801	11,947,626	British Columbia.....	117,815	79,622,315
Prince Edward Island.....	7,603	5,151,999	Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	656	439,865
Nova Scotia.....	42,572	28,895,584	Canada.....	1962	927,590
New Brunswick.....	31,316	21,291,111		1961	904,906
Quebec.....	196,827	131,711,372		1960	876,410
Ontario.....	335,339	226,065,413		1959	854,284
Manitoba.....	56,567	38,085,361		1958	827,560
Saskatchewan.....	58,436	39,621,029			625,107,804
Alberta.....	62,658	42,276,129			592,413,233
					574,887,046
					559,279,858
					473,859,103

Subsection 3.—Other Federal Government Programs

Unemployment Insurance and National Employment Service.—In 1940, by an amendment to the British North America Act, the Federal Government was given jurisdiction in the field of unemployment insurance and the Unemployment Insurance Act was passed establishing a national system of unemployment insurance which is outlined in Chapter XVI.

The National Employment Service is operated in conjunction with the unemployment insurance scheme. Statistics of positions offered and placements made are given in Chapter XVI.

Prairie Farm Assistance.—The Prairie Farm Assistance Act is administered by the Department of Agriculture; a description of the legislation is given in Chapter IX.

Welfare Services for Indians and Eskimos.—Indians and Eskimos benefit as other Canadians under the federal income maintenance programs, but welfare services are administered by the Department of Citizenship and Immigration and the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, respectively, with some provincial participation. This topic is covered in the Population Chapter (pp. 189-191).

Section 2.—Federal-Provincial Programs

Subsection 1.—Old Age Assistance

The Old Age Assistance Act of 1951, as amended, provides for federal reimbursement to the provinces for assistance to persons aged 65 or over who are in need and who have resided in Canada for at least ten years or who, if absent from Canada during this period, have been present in Canada prior to the commencement of the ten-year period for double any period of absence. On reaching age 70 a pensioner is transferred to old age security. The federal contribution may not exceed 50 p.c. of \$65 a month or of the assistance paid, whichever is less. The province administers the program and, within the limits of the federal Act, may fix the amount of assistance payable, the maximum income allowed and other conditions of eligibility. All provinces use a maximum payment of \$65 a month and the income limits set out below.

For an unmarried person, total income allowed, including assistance, may not exceed \$1,140 a year. For a married couple it may not exceed \$1,980 a year or, when the spouse is