

blind within the meaning of the Blind Persons Act, \$2,340 a year. Assistance is not paid to a person receiving an old age security pension or an allowance under the Blind Persons Act, the Disabled Persons Act, or the War Veterans Allowance Act.

Recipients of old age assistance who are in need may receive supplementary aid under general assistance programs in the provinces. Where the amount of aid is determined through an individual assessment of need, which takes the recipient's requirements and resources into consideration, the Federal Government may share in it under the Unemployment Assistance Act.

#### 4.—Old Age Assistance 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 or Territory	Recipients in Month of March	Average Amount of Monthly Assistance	P.C. of Recipients to Population Age 65-69	Federal Government Contribution during Year
	No.	\$		\$
Newfoundland.....	5,184	52.42 <sup>1</sup>	52.90	1,672,510
Prince Edward Island.....	897	49.07 <sup>2</sup>	24.92	248,608
Nova Scotia.....	5,248	51.76 <sup>2</sup>	24.64	1,569,348
New Brunswick.....	5,421	62.42 <sup>2</sup>	33.46	1,760,484
Quebec.....	34,615	50.84 <sup>2</sup>	28.94	10,896,302
Ontario.....	22,868	58.24 <sup>2</sup>	12.54	6,903,031
Manitoba.....	5,082	62.11 <sup>2</sup>	18.09	1,652,229
Saskatchewan.....	5,760	50.47 <sup>2</sup>	20.79	1,761,661
Alberta.....	6,494	50.08 <sup>2</sup>	20.23	2,000,956
British Columbia.....	7,189	51.64 <sup>1</sup>	14.32	2,283,927
Yukon Territory.....	46	54.39 <sup>2</sup>	23.00	15,507
Northwest Territories.....	140	53.83 <sup>3</sup>	46.67	46,021
<b>Canada.....</b>				
	<b>1962</b>	<b>98,944</b>	<b>53.87<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>30,810,585</b>
	<b>1961</b>	<b>100,184</b>	<b>50.56</b>	<b>30,657,396</b>
	<b>1960</b>	<b>98,773</b>	<b>50.74</b>	<b>30,349,393</b>
	<b>1959</b>	<b>97,836</b>	<b>50.97</b>	<b>30,207,284</b>
	<b>1958</b>	<b>92,484</b>	<b>52.19</b>	<b>24,961,383</b>

<sup>1</sup> The increase in the maximum assistance rate from \$55 to \$65 a month was effective in these provinces from Apr. 1, 1962. <sup>2</sup> The effective date for the increase from \$55 to \$65 a month in the maximum assistance rate was Feb. 1, 1962 in these jurisdictions but not all of them had made the adjustments by Mar. 31, 1962. <sup>3</sup> The effective date of the increase from \$55 to \$65 a month in the maximum assistance rate was July 1, 1962. <sup>4</sup> The average monthly assistance was \$61.09 for June 1962, the first month for which an average based on the maximum of \$65 a month was computed.

#### Subsection 2.—Allowances for Blind Persons

The Blind Persons Act of 1951, as amended, provides for federal reimbursement to the provinces for allowances to blind persons aged 18 or over who are in need and who have resided in Canada for at least ten years. The federal contribution may not exceed 75 p.c. of \$65 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. All provinces use a maximum payment of \$65 a month and the income limits set out below.

To qualify for an allowance a person must meet the required definition of blindness and have resided in Canada for ten years immediately preceding commencement of allowance or, if absent from Canada during this period, must have been present in Canada prior to its commencement for a period equal to double any period of absence. For an unmarried person, total income including the allowance may not exceed \$1,380 a year; for a person with no spouse but with one or more dependent children, \$1,860; for a married couple, \$2,340. When the spouse is also blind, income of the couple may not exceed \$2,460. Allowances are not payable to a person receiving assistance under the Old Age Assistance