

3.—Old Age Security Statistics by Province, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1954 and 1955

NOTE.—Figures for 1952 and 1953 are given in the 1955 Year Book, p. 261.

Province and Year	Pensioners in March	Pensions Paid (net)	Province or Territory and Year	Pensioners in March	Pensions Paid (net)
	No.	\$		No.	\$
Newfoundland—			Manitoba—		
1954.....	15,343	7,242,820	1954.....	42,592	20,052,895
1955.....	15,693	7,459,680	1955.....	44,591	21,051,155
Prince Edward Island—			Saskatchewan—		
1954.....	6,669	3,203,780	1954.....	42,505	20,111,120
1955.....	6,786	3,261,800	1955.....	44,821	21,202,779
Nova Scotia—			Alberta—		
1954.....	36,961	17,702,477	1954.....	42,868	20,137,730
1955.....	37,801	18,149,526	1955.....	45,384	21,418,246
New Brunswick—			British Columbia—		
1954.....	26,288	12,606,600	1954.....	85,191	39,880,100
1955.....	27,014	12,945,905	1955.....	90,201	42,449,810
Quebec—			Yukon and N.W.T.—		
1954.....	152,682	72,032,527	1954.....	469	225,520
1955.....	158,109	74,724,977	1955.....	540	245,360
Ontario—			Canada—		
1954.....	264,831	125,775,222	1954.....	716,399	338,970,791
1955.....	274,680	130,296,095	1955.....	745,620	353,205,333

Subsection 3.—Government Annuities*

Under the Government Annuities Act (R.S.C. 1952, c. 132), passed in 1908, the Federal Government carries on a service to assist Canadians to make provision for old age. The Act is administered by the Minister of Labour.

A Canadian Government annuity is a fixed yearly income purchased from and paid by the Government of Canada. The annuity is payable in monthly instalments for life, or for life and guaranteed for a period of years. The minimum annuity is \$10 and the maximum \$1,200 a year or the actuarial equivalent if the annuity is to reduce by the amount of payments under the Old Age Security Act. Annuity contracts may be deferred or immediate. Deferred annuities are purchased by periodic or single premiums. Immediate annuity contracts provide immediate income. Annuities may now be arranged to reduce by \$40 per month at age 70 to fit in with payments under the Old Age Security Act.

The property and interest of the annuitant are neither transferable nor attachable. In the event of the death of the annuitant before a deferred annuity vests, all money paid is refunded with interest to the purchaser or his legal representative. Provision is made in the Act for group annuity contracts whereby employers may contract for the purchase of annuities on behalf of their employees, or associations on behalf of their members, the purchase money being derived partly from wages and partly from employer contributions. Group annuity plans now in effect cover a variety of industries and many municipal corporations throughout Canada. Annuities arising from individual contracts are taxable as to the interest portion of the annuity payment and the return-of-capital portion is exempt; annuities arising from approved pension plans are fully taxable but the employee and the employer are entitled to tax exemption year by year on their annual contributions to the pension plan.

* Revised in the Government Annuities Branch, Department of Labour, Ottawa.