

Agreements became effective January 1955 in all provinces except Newfoundland and British Columbia when the effective date was April 1955. The maximum allowance is \$40 per month in all provinces. Administrative responsibility for the program is vested in the province and the provincial plan must be approved by the Governor in Council. The allowances are paid by the province with federal reimbursement.

9.—Statistics on Allowances for Disabled Persons by Province, Year Ended Mar. 31, 1955¹

Province or Territory	Recipients in Month of March	Average Amount of Allowance Monthly	Federal Government Contribution During Year
	No.	\$	\$
Newfoundland ² .....	...	...	...
Prince Edward Island ² .....	..	..	..
Nova Scotia	285	33.39	12,141
New Brunswick	177	39.46	8,183
Quebec ³ .....	..	..	..
Ontario	6,623	39.36	389,061
Manitoba	45	39.66	8,188
Saskatchewan	36	37.52	1,806
Alberta ³ .....	..	..	..
British Columbia ² .....	...	...	...
Totals, Five Provinces	7,166	39.12	419,379

¹ Program in effect for the last three months of the fiscal year only.

² Program became effective Apr. 1, 1955.

³ By Mar. 31, 1955, no payments had yet been made by the Federal Government to this province, in which the program became effective Jan. 1, 1955. Payments for April 1955 will include certain amounts retroactive to Jan. 1, 1955.

Subsection 4.—National Physical Fitness Program

The National Physical Fitness Act was repealed in June 1954 but seven provinces and the Northwest Territories continued to receive financial assistance from the Federal Government until the expiry of their agreements on Mar. 31, 1955. The Act had provided that an amount not exceeding \$232,000 annually be granted to the provinces on a matching per capita basis for the promotion of physical fitness and recreation programs. The amounts made available to the individual provinces are shown in the 1954 edition of the Year Book, p. 253. With the repeal of the Act, the National Council on Physical Fitness, which it established, ceased to function.

During 1954-55 the Physical Fitness Division continued to function within the Department of National Health and Welfare, providing a variety of professional, consultative, and informational services for federal and provincial government departments and national organizations. It acted as a clearing house for the dissemination of information and provided material on fitness, recreation, physical education, sports, hobbies, drama, and other cultural activities and on the organization and administration of community and specialized programs in Canada and other countries. The Preview Library Service for visual aids was continued and extended to five centres in the Northwest Territories. Close liaison was maintained with other countries and with the Commonwealth in particular.