

province were allowed in compensation of the fact that the payment of youth allowances had been assumed by the province and to allow for the imposition of the required provincial income taxes.

TABLE 28
(in millions of dollars)

NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE	Fiscal year ended March 31		Increase or decrease (-)
	1971	1972 (preliminary)	
Welfare services—			
Family allowances.....	557.9	554.5	-3.4
Youth allowances.....	58.0	59.8	1.8
Family assistance ⁽¹⁾	2.7	2.2	-0.5
Canada assistance plan—payments to provinces.....	391.6	462.4	70.8
Other.....	20.3	26.1	5.8
	1,030.5	1,105.0	74.5
Health insurance and resources—			
Government's contributions under the Hospital Insurance and Diag- nostic Services Act.....	734.3	850.6	116.3
Health resources fund.....	37.5	37.0	-0.5
Medical Care Act.....	400.5	576.5	176.0
General health and construction grants to provinces.....	19.6	16.0	-3.6
Other.....	1.4	1.9	0.5
	1,193.3	1,482.0	288.7
Medical services.....	45.4	47.0	1.6
Health services.....	6.5	8.0	1.5
Food and drug services.....	15.6	19.0	3.4
Fitness and amateur sport.....	5.3	8.0	2.7
Administration and general.....	7.0	10.0	3.0
	2,303.6	2,679.0	375.4
Medical Research Council—			
Scholarships and grants in aid of research.....	34.0	34.5	0.5
Administration.....	0.4	0.5	0.1
	34.4	35.0	0.6
	2,338.0	2,714.0	376.0

⁽¹⁾For comparative purposes, Welfare Grants in 1970-71 are included in other welfare services.

TABLE 29
(in millions of dollars)

	Fiscal year ended March 31, 1972 (preliminary)			Total
	Family allow- ances	Family assist- ance	Youth allow- ances	
Newfoundland.....	17.0	⁽¹⁾	2.1	19.1
Nova Scotia.....	20.9	⁽¹⁾	3.2	24.1
Prince Edward Island.....	3.1	⁽¹⁾	0.5	3.6
New Brunswick.....	17.7	⁽¹⁾	2.8	20.5
Quebec.....	155.9	0.3		156.2
Ontario.....	191.8	1.2	28.7	221.7
Manitoba.....	24.7	0.1	3.9	28.7
Saskatchewan.....	24.1	⁽¹⁾	4.0	28.1
Alberta.....	44.5	0.2	6.6	51.3
British Columbia.....	53.1	0.4	7.9	61.4
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	1.7	⁽¹⁾	0.1	1.8
	554.5	2.2	59.8	616.5

⁽¹⁾Less than \$50,000.

Canada Assistance Plan

Payments to the provinces under the Canada Assistance Plan are \$462 million compared with \$392 million in 1970-71. The Canada Assistance Plan Act which was enacted in 1966 authorizes the federal government to enter into agreements with the provinces for sharing the costs of assistance and welfare services provided by the provinces, territories and municipalities to persons in need. The rate of the federal contribution is 50 per cent of the shareable costs; the rates of assistance granted and the specific conditions of eligibility applied are determined by the provinces and their municipalities and take into account the budgetary requirements as well as the income and resources of the applicants. Contributions under this plan have replaced certain contributions which formerly had been made under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Disabled Persons Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Unemployment Assistance Act. Under a federal-provincial agreement the Province of Quebec has opted out of a major portion of this program.