

# Upgraded Welfare Payments Go Into Effect Monday

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Ottawa, Ont.—Canada's welfare program opens its purse wider on Monday. The effect in higher payments may be felt by as many as 1,188,700 persons.

July 1 is starting date for a series of increased payments for old age pensions and assistance, allowances to the blind and disabled and payments to veterans.

As announced in the March 14 budget, they could cost the federal treasury \$68,500,000 in the fiscal year ending nine months from now. Provincial governments will shoulder a lesser amount.

The first of the higher payments won't be made, however, until the cheques come out at the end of July.

## PENSIONS BIGGEST OUTLAY

The biggest chunk of the outlay will be given to give \$46 monthly instead of \$40 a month to the 807,000 Canadians over 70 receiving old age pensions. That will increase the cost of that program by \$15,000,000 in the fiscal year to an estimated \$438,000,000.

The central government also is financing a boost of about 20 per cent in veterans pensions to disability pensioners, war widows and dependent parents, and more limited increases to "burned-out" veterans in need of help under the War Veterans' Allowance Act. Some 235,200 now receiving payments will benefit, with perhaps 1,200 to 1,500 new beneficiaries qualifying for help. Provincial governments were

involved in the budget's other welfare proposals: Increases to \$46 from \$40 a month to the 65-69 under old age assistance and to the blind and disabled between 18 and 70. Ceilings on allowable income under these programs—the so-called "means test"—also were boosted.

## EIGHT PROVINCES SIGN

Eight provinces already have signed agreements to share in the increases July 1. Quebec, which delayed signing an agreement because of the change in the federal government, also is reported here as ready to go along. Newfoundland has passed enabling legislation for its share of the boosts but Provincial Welfare Minister Hefferton said they probably won't go into effect there until later.

One other extension in the federal program won't take effect until Sept. 1. This involves \$1 monthly hikes in family allowances for children up to six years of age and between 10 and 12 years. There are no increases for those seven to nine years or 13 to 16 years.

The allowances cover 2,500,000 families. After the Sept. 1 change there will be two payment levels, instead of the present four: \$6 monthly to age nine and \$8 from 10 to 16 years.

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## Marie McDonald Burned in Mishap

RENO, Nev. (UPI)—Actress Marie McDonald burned both hands severely Friday when she tried to put out the flaming dress of her wardrobe mistress, Maude Klinker. The fire apparently started from a cigarette. Miss McDonald said she would continue her night club act despite heavy bandages.

## Movie Column ... by Bob Thomas

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Act your

age, Joel McCrea advises

the young leading men of the veteran category.

Joel has been a screen luminary for more than 25 years, and his earning power shows no sign of diminishing. Part of this is due to the force of his own personality and acting skill, but it's also the result of careful planning. He is one of Hollywood's wisest heads on career matters.

"I think actors of my vintage make a mistake in trying to appear much younger than they are," he observed. "Let's face it—we're getting up there. But that doesn't mean we have to quit."

"We can stay in business as long as we don't try to fool anyone. It's a mistake to attempt playing passionate love scenes with a girl who is young enough to be your daughter—or try to impersonate a dashing hero in his 20s or 30s."

"You only call people's attention to the fact that you're no longer a kid."

Joel's views coincide with a poll by extension magazine, a monthly with a youthful readership. A high percentage of those polled thought Hollywood's mature stars should either retire or cut out the love stuff.

Joel himself confessed that he had thought of retiring.

"During the war, I did some touring to entertain the troops, and I ran into a lot of young guys who seemed to have the looks and personality to become stars in pictures. I figured that I'd had it, that I could gracefully step aside and let the youngsters take over."

entered dummy with a trump.

Then he discarded his two losing diamonds on the ace and queen of spades. Thus he lost only one spade and two clubs.

Mr. Abel should have asked himself why Mr. Champion had pulled a small spade out from under the ace-queen.

Holding two worthless spades, surely his play would have been to lead from the closed hand and finesse the queen. Also, with three spades to the jack, his best play would have been to finesse the queen, then play the ace. If the king of spades were doubleton on his left he would lose no tricks in the suit.

Now, if he held the jack doubleton, his actual play would make some sense. In that case Mr. Abel could win one spade by going in with his king. But Mr. Champion would then take three spade tricks.

If Mr. Abel ducked, he would win no spades at all. But on the other hand, Mr. Champion could then win only two spades. This defense would have beaten the hand since, eventually, Mr. Champion would have to lose two clubs and two diamonds.

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