

divided into two divisions, those of Pensions and National Health. The chief functions of the National Health Section (which from 1919 to 1929 was the Department of Health) are: to protect the country against the entrance of infectious disease; to exclude immigrants who might become a charge upon the country; to treat sick and injured mariners; to see that men employed on public construction work are provided with proper medical care; to set the standards and control the quality of food and drugs, except export meat and canned goods, which are under the Department of Agriculture; to control proprietary medicines and the importation and exportation of habit-forming drugs such as morphine, cocaine, etc.; to prevent the spread of venereal diseases; to care for lepers and to co-operate with the provinces with a view to preserving and improving the public health. The various divisions of the Department of Health, existing prior to the merger, are still maintained.

Quarantine Division.—This division of the Department has for its object the prevention of the entry into the country of major infectious diseases from ocean-going ships. Quarantine stations are therefore in operation at the several maritime ports. Every vessel coming from abroad is inspected and passengers or crews who are found to be suffering from infectious disease, together with contacts, are removed to the quarantine station after the principles laid down in the Convention of Paris, 1926.

Immigration Medical Division.—This division is charged with the medical examination and care of immigrants. With this end in view there has been placed in Great Britain, Ireland, and on the continent of Europe a staff of Canadian doctors, whose duty is to examine all intending emigrants to Canada prior to their embarkation. This arrangement obviates the expense, discomfort, disappointment and hardship occurring hitherto whenever it became necessary to deport, on account of physical or mental disability, immigrants who had come across the ocean to Canada.

Leprosy.—For many years there have been in operation in Canada two lazarettos for the treatment of leprosy, one at Tracadie, N.B., and the other at Bentinck island, B.C. These are under the direction of the Department. Advances have been made in recent years not only in providing added comforts for the lepers, but in the actual treatment of the disease.

Marine Hospitals' Division.—This division provides surgical attendance and such other treatment as the case requires to all sick and injured mariners arriving at Canadian ports and belonging to vessels that pay sick mariners' dues, in conformity with Part V of the Canada Shipping Act.

Venereal Disease Control.—The Department co-operates with the provinces in the control of venereal diseases and largely co-ordinates the work and the recording of statistics of these diseases throughout the Dominion. It also publishes original articles and reviews of current literature on venereal diseases for the benefit of the medical profession.

Child Welfare Division.—In the field of child welfare, the Department co-operates with the provincial departments and voluntary organizations and acts as adviser to various bodies concerned with child welfare. The *Little Blue Books* on child welfare distributed throughout the country are of very great value to parents in helping them to care for their children and homes. Maternal mortality