

## The Provinces

**Prince Edward Island.**—The welfare services operated by the Province include:\*—

- (1) Children's Protective Service
- (2) Home for the Aged

The Province maintains two institutions for orphans and destitute children, one Protestant and one Roman Catholic, together with two Children's Aid Societies. The Provincial Infirmary for the Aged is operated in connection with the Provincial Hospital for the Insane; many of the inmates of the Infirmary are old age pensioners and their pensions help to finance the cost of maintenance, but there are many inmates under 70 years of age whose care is a provincial liability.

*Old Age Pensions.*—The Province has co-operated in the Dominion-Provincial old age pension plan since July 1, 1933.

There is no system of *workmen's compensation* or *mothers' allowances* in the Province, but persons employed under the Dominion Government are provided for under the schedules of the New Brunswick Workmen's Compensation Act.

**Nova Scotia.**—The welfare services operated by the Province include:\*—

- (1) Children's Protective Services
- (2) Psychiatric Service
- (3) Training School for Mentally Defective Children
- (4) Mothers' Allowances

The Children's Protective Service includes 6 juvenile courts, probation officers, aid to and supervision of 12 Children's Aid Societies, 10 homes or shelters and 4 reformatory institutions. Practically all children in homes and shelters are wards of the Children's Aid Societies. By far the larger percentage of these wards are in foster homes. Maintenance is paid on a 40-60 p.c. basis between the Province and the municipalities. Financial provision for the maintenance of children in reformatory institutions is at the rate of \$175 per annum from the municipality and an equal amount from the Province. For children in the Training School for the Mentally Defective, the municipality pays \$200 per child per annum, all other expenses being borne by the Province.

*The Mothers' Allowances Act* was passed in 1930 and became effective on Oct. 1 of that year. Statistics of operations under the Act are given at p. 675.

*Homes for the Aged.*—These are operated by municipal, religious or private bodies; they are subject to provincial inspection and, in many cases, receive provincial grants. Many of the municipal or county homes are operated in conjunction with the county asylums.

*Workmen's Compensation.*—The Workmen's Compensation Act was passed in 1915, but did not come into operation until Jan. 1, 1917. The subject of workmen's compensation is not as directly related to welfare as the other services dealt with. The Province in its control of trade and industry enacts compensation legislation and supervises its administration, but workmen's compensation is financed by and is essentially the responsibility of industry. See also pp. 723-725.

\* See also material concerning pensions for the aged and the blind at pp. 670-672.