

Ontario.—The Department of Public Welfare administers the following forms of assistance:—

Youth and Child Welfare Division.—In this Division are included:—

- (1) The Children's Aid Branch, which is responsible for the administration of the Children's Protection Act, the Children of Unmarried Parents Act and the Adoption Act; supervision of 53 Children's Aid Societies in the Province. It also co-operates with the Dominion Government in certain war services—Dependents' Allowances, Supplementary Grants, Compassionate Leave, and other family welfare problems.
- (2) Day Nurseries Branch.—Day Nurseries and School Care projects are operated to care for children of mothers engaged in war industries.
- (3) British Child Guests.—Placement and supervision of British children evacuated from Great Britain.
- (4) Supervision of Institutions for Children.

Mothers' Allowances.—Since 1920 allowances have been paid by the Province to widows and other necessitous mothers. In addition to basic allowances, free medical services, including necessary drugs, are provided, as well as a 20 p.c. cost-of-living bonus. In addition, the Commission has discretionary authority to increase any beneficiary's allowance, up to \$10 per month, where need is shown.

Soldiers' Aid Commission.—Through the Commission, advice and emergency assistance is extended to ex-service men of the present war and the War of 1914-18, and their families.

Old Age Pensions and Pensions for the Blind.—The Province has co-operated in the Dominion-Provincial Old Age Pension plan since Nov. 1, 1929. Benefits reach a maximum of \$25 per month, plus a \$3 maximum cost-of-living bonus paid by the Province, which also provides free medical services including drugs. In 1937, Ontario became the first province to pay pensions to the blind under provisions of the Old Age Pensions Act and providing the same benefits. For statistics see pp. 810-812.

Homes for the Aged.—Homes for the Aged are incorporated under the Houses of Refuge, the Houses of Refuge in Districts, and the Charitable Institutions Acts, and operated by cities, counties, districts and religious or benevolent societies under provincial supervision.

Unemployment Relief.—The Unemployment Relief Act of Ontario authorizes contribution on the part of the Department of Public Welfare toward alleviation of distress of unemployable persons. The municipalities of the Province are reimbursed 50 p.c. of the expenditures, while in the unorganized areas the Province administers and pays the total cost of aid rendered.

Workmen's Compensation.—The Workmen's Compensation Act came into force on Jan. 1, 1915. See pp. 784-787.

Manitoba.—For the organization of the Department of Health and Public Welfare of the Province see pp. 823-824. The Welfare Division of the Department of Health and Public Welfare consists of three subdivisions:—

- (1) Child Welfare, which includes Mothers' Allowances, with an expenditure amounting to approximately \$400,000 per year.