

laboratory service for rural physicians. (6) The office of the Registrar General administers the Vital Statistics Act and the Marriage Act. The system used in classifying vital statistics has been decided upon in co-operation with other provinces and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. (7) The Division of Mental Services administers the Mental Hygiene Act. Its duties and responsibilities include the transportation and admission of patients to mental hospital; the care and treatment of patients in institutions for the mentally ill and mental defectives, and in the psychopathic ward in Regina. The division will develop and supervise mental hygiene clinics in connection with the preventive work of mental hygiene. The care and maintenance of patients in provincial institutions is at the expense of the Province. (8) The Division of Venereal Disease Control administers a program for the control of venereal disease, which is divided into the following functional sections: diagnostic and treatment services; epidemiology; welfare and rehabilitation; education. (9) The Division of Hospital Administration is responsible for all matters pertaining to hospital administration and all "approved" hospitals of the Province are under its supervision. (10) The Division of Health Education conducts a wide program of education for the purpose of modifying public opinion and attitudes in favour of higher standards of personal and community health. (11) The Division of Nutrition is largely educational in function, creating interest in better food habits; emphasis is placed on nutrition of children with special attention to school lunches. (12) The Division of Medical Services supervises payment of grants to physicians, dentists and approved hospitals for adequate medical services to needy residents in any part of the province outside municipal jurisdiction, including a group known as "northern settlers". Insulin is supplied free to diabetics who are unable to purchase it. On Jan. 1, 1945, the Health Services Act came into effect, and its administration is partly under this Division. Medical, hospital and drug services are provided to old age and blind pensioners and their dependants, and to recipients of mothers' allowances and their children at the expense of the Province. Approximately 24,000 persons receive benefits under this Act. (13) The Division of Physical Fitness and Recreation stimulates, organizes and assists social, cultural and athletic activities.

*Health Services Planning Commission.*—This Commission is charged with the task of preparing plans for providing all types of health services and facilities. It assesses costs of these services and the needs of the different areas for various kinds of services. It also must approve of by-laws and agreements entered into by municipalities or other organizations for medical and hospital services. The Commission is also an advisory and consultative body to local regions wishing to provide services for their residents. The Commission is assisted by a voluntary advisory committee of representatives of some 25 lay and professional associations in the Province.

*Cancer Commission.*—This Commission, created in 1930, has established consultative, diagnostic and treatment clinics for cancer at Regina and Saskatoon. Radon is manufactured at a plant in Saskatoon. The cancer services, including surgery at either clinic, are given at the expense of the Province.

*Poliomyelitis.*—Free treatment of cases is available at Saskatoon and Regina.

*Tuberculosis.*—Free diagnostic and treatment services are available in three sanatoria and a number of clinics operated by the Saskatchewan Anti-Tuberculosis League and financed by government grants and per capita charges on municipalities. Annual surveys are carried out throughout the Province, areas where the incidence is highest being given priority, and are financed by voluntary subscription.