

allowances are inadequate. The Board operates with the assistance of Regional Dependents' Advisory Committees that have been established in the chief cities of the Dominion.

Veterans Unemployment Assistance.—The Department of Veterans Affairs does not place veterans in employment, but works closely with the Department of Labour in connection with veterans' problems. Out-of-work benefits are authorized in certain cases as outlined in Chapter XXVIII.

Government Annuities.—For thirty-seven years the Dominion Government has carried on a service that permits and encourages Canadians, during the earning period of their lives, to make provision for their old age. The necessary legislation was passed in 1908 as the Government Annuities Act (c. 7, R.S.C., 1927, amended by c. 33, 1931). This Act is now administered by the Minister of Labour, and provides that any person resident or domiciled in Canada may purchase an annuity from the Government of Canada. For statistics of annuities, see pp. 798-800.

The Dominion Government in Co-operation with the Provinces.—Each of the provinces, as indicated below, has adopted the Dominion Old Age Pension Act which has been extended to cover the needy blind. Statistics for all provinces are given at pp. 796-797.

Subsection 2.—Provincial Welfare Services

Provincial health and welfare services are, in many instances, interrelated and administered by the same Provincial Departments. In view of this fact, it is sometimes difficult to set a definite demarcation between the two services. So far as possible, this Section deals with the well-being of the people with regard to social aid, child welfare, allowances and pensions for mothers and the aged and blind. Public health and related institutions are dealt with in Chapter XXI, pp. 805-830.

Prince Edward Island.—The Department of Public Welfare of the Province of Prince Edward Island administers the following statutes:—

- (1) The Public Health Act.
- (2) The Old Age Pensions Act.
- (3) The Children's Act.
- (4) The Vital Statistics Act.
- (5) The Electrical Inspection Act.

It also administers direct relief payments, and extra-mural treatment for tuberculosis, and supervises all Governmental medical services, including the Provincial Sanatorium, the Hospital for the Insane, and the Infirmary for the care of the aged and infirm. In the Province there are two orphanages, one Protestant and one Roman Catholic, operated as private institutions. Two Children's Aid Societies are active and operate under authority of the Children's Act.

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.

Old Age Pensions and Pensions for the Blind.—The Province has co-operated in the Dominion-Provincial Old Age Pension plan since July 1, 1933, and with the amendment to the Act providing for the payment of pensions to blind persons since Dec. 1, 1937. For statistics see pp. 796-798.