

of Quebec having for their object the social welfare of the people and assistance to youth in preparation for its future. At the time of going to press the new Department had not been organized.

Mothers' Allowances.—The Needy Mothers' Assistance Act, 1937, became effective in December, 1938. For statistics of operations under the Act, see p. 802.

Workmen's Compensation.—The Quebec Workmen's Compensation Commission was established in 1928 by authority of cc. 79 and 80 of the Statutes of that year. The Act was brought into force by proclamation on Mar. 22, 1928, operations of the Commission commencing as of Sept. 1, 1928. Under this Act, the Quebec Commission did not insure employers against their liability. On Apr. 4, 1931, a new Act (21 Geo. V, c. 100), effective Sept. 1, 1931, provided for such insurance, along the lines of the Workmen's Compensation Act of Ontario. See also pp. 766-769.

Old Age Pensions and Pensions for the Blind.—The Province has co-operated with the Dominion-Provincial Old Age Pension plan since Aug. 1, 1936, and with the amendment to the Act providing for the payment of pensions to blind persons since Oct. 1, 1937. For statistics, see pp. 796-798.

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. During the War of 1939-45 the Province co-operated with the Dominion Government in certain war services—dependents allowances, supplementary grants, compassionate leave, and other family welfare problems.
- (2) The Day Nurseries Branch under which day nurseries and school care projects are operated to care for children of employed mothers.
- (3) The British Child Guests Branch, which continued the supervision of British children evacuated from the United Kingdom who still remained in Ontario.
- (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 War of 1939-45 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 necessary 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.