

CHAPTER VII.—PUBLIC HEALTH AND RELATED INSTITUTIONS

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Section 1.—Administration

In Canada public health is administered by Dominion and Provincial Governments through their respective Health Departments.

The Dominion has jurisdiction only respecting such public-health matters as are exclusively international, national and interprovincial. The Dominion Government makes grants to Provincial Departments of Health and to voluntary organizations engaged in public-health work. Treatment for members and ex-members of the Armed Forces is provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs in veterans services and public hospitals.

The Dominion Council of Health, created originally in 1919, is responsible for correlating and co-ordinating the activities of Provincial Departments of Health; it comprises the Deputy Minister of Health of each of the provinces as well as a representative of agriculture, labour, and urban and rural women, respectively. The personnel includes a scientific adviser on public health.

Subsection 1.—Public Health Activities of the Dominion Government

The Act of Parliament (8 Geo. VI, c. 22, 1944) creating the Dominion Department of National Health and Welfare, clearly defines its functions. The Department is divided into two branches. The functions of the Welfare Branch are dealt with in the chapter on Welfare Services, pp. 210–233, while those of the National Health Branch are: to maintain a maritime and aerial navigation quarantine for the purpose of excluding infectious diseases; to advise the Immigration Service regarding the health of immigrants; to provide medical care for sick and injured seamen serving on vessels paying sick mariner service dues; to supervise the health conditions of workmen engaged on public works; to set the standards and control the quality of food and drugs; to control the importation, distribution or exportation of habit-forming drugs such as morphine, cocaine, etc; to care for lepers; to promote and conserve the health of civil servants and other government employees; to furnish medical advice required in implementing pensions for the blind; to administer the Proprietary or Patent Medicine Act; to advise the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in regard to broadcasts relating to health.