

Subsection 1.—Welfare Services of the Individual Provinces

Prince Edward Island.—The Department of Health and 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.
- (6) The Falconwood Hospital and Infirmary Act.
- (7) The Premarital Health Examination Act.
- (8) The Venereal Disease Prevention 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. 229-231.

Nova Scotia.—The Public Welfare Services are administered by the Minister of Public Welfare in the Department of Public Welfare and are specifically concerned with the following matters:—

Child and Family Welfare.—This branch of the Department includes:—

- (1) Child protection.
- (2) Assistance to and supervision of Children's Aid Societies.
- (3) Supervision of children in adoptive and foster homes.
- (4) Family case work.
- (5) Psychiatric service for children and families under (3) and (4), and for the public schools on request of the Education Department.
- (6) Inspection of all child-caring institutions and ownership of, and responsibility for, the operation of the Nova Scotia Training School for Mentally Deficient Children.

These Services include six juvenile courts and probation officers; financial aid and technical advice given to 12 Children's Aid Societies; inspection of foster homes and shelters; inspection of and per capita financial assistance to reformatory institutions. Most of the wards of the Children's Aid Societies are in either free foster homes or family boarding homes, although some are in the regular child-caring institutions. Maintenance is paid on a 40-60 p.c. basis between the Province and the municipalities. Financial provision for the maintenance of children in reformatory institutions is at the rate of \$175 per annum from the municipality