

divided into two branches. The functions of the Welfare Branch are given at pp. 251-258 and pp. 265-266; those of the Health Branch are: to maintain a maritime and aerial navigation quarantine for 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 be responsible for the care of the health of Indians and Eskimos; to set the standards and control the quality of food and drugs; to control the importation, exportation and distribution of habit-forming narcotic drugs; to care for lepers; to promote and conserve the health of 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.

The Department is also empowered to assist the provinces by conducting investigations and research into public-health problems, and by co-operating with them in the preservation and improvement of health. Studies of existing facilities and future requirements in the fields of medical, hospital and related services and investigations of various methods of providing such services, including health insurance, are continuing.

To carry on its activities the following Directorates and Divisions have been organized within the Health Branch:—

*Directorate of Health Services*

Blindness Control  
Child and Maternal Health  
Civil Service Health  
Dental Health  
Epidemiology  
Hospital Design  
Industrial Health  
Mental Health  
Narcotics  
Nutrition  
Public Health Engineering  
Civil Aviation Medicine

Quarantine, Immigration and Sick  
Mariner Service  
Venereal Disease Control  
Laboratory of Hygiene

*Directorate of Indian Health Service*

*Directorate of Food and Drug Divisions*  
Inspection  
Laboratory  
Proprietary and Patent Medicine

*Directorate of Health Insurance Studies*

**The National Physical Fitness Program.**—This program has a close association with both health and welfare. It is, however, administered under the Welfare Division and is dealt with at pp. 265-266.

## Subsection 2.—Public Health Activities of the Provincial Governments

**Prince Edward Island.**—During the session of the Legislature in March, 1946, the Department of Public Welfare, which administered both health and welfare, was reorganized under the title of "Health and Welfare" with one Minister responsible for both divisions. The Health Division is under the supervision of the Chief Health Officer, who superintends the work of the Central Division, including the Provincial Laboratory and the Nursing and Sanitary Division. The Province is divided into five Districts: a public health nurse is assigned to each District and is responsible for the inspection of school children, home visiting, home-nursing classes, immunizing clinics, etc. One nurse specially trained in the treatment of venereal disease and another specially trained in combating tuberculosis have the entire Province as their field of operation. The Provincial Laboratory, operated by a Laboratory Director and a competent staff, is of great assistance to the practising physicians of the Province.