

Assistance to Veterans.—Through the Soldiers' Aid Commission, advice and emergency assistance is extended to ex-service men of the First and Second World Wars and to their families.

Manitoba.—Public welfare services are administered by the Public Welfare Division of the Department of Health and Public Welfare. They include case-work services throughout the Province, social assistance or general relief in unorganized areas of the Province, and financial responsibility for assistance to non-resident transients.

Child Welfare and Protection.—In most of the municipally organized territory, child-care and protection services are administered by four non-denominational Children's Aid Societies, which are paid by the Province to provide basic child protection. Maintenance of wards is financed by the municipality of residence. Children's services in other areas are provided directly by the Public Welfare Division.

Welfare Services.—Homes are found and supervision is provided for mental defectives placed under the custodianship of the Director of the Public Welfare Division. The Broadway Home in Winnipeg, an advanced training school for mentally defective girls, comes under the joint direction of the Divisions of Public Welfare and Psychiatry.

Saskatchewan.—Public welfare services are administered by the Department of Social Welfare.

The Department is divided into four main branches, Child Welfare, Old Age Pensions, Social Aid, and Corrections; it operates the Home for the Aged and Infirm, and the Regina Nursing Home. The Social Welfare Board which was constituted by the Social Welfare Act, 1945, consists of the Deputy Minister as Chairman, and the Directors of the four major branches; it supervises the granting of all forms of assistance provided by the Department and acts in an advisory capacity to the Minister of Social Welfare.

Child Welfare and Protection.—The Child Welfare Act and the Education of Blind and Deaf Children Act are administered by the Child Welfare Branch and involve supervision of all child welfare services in the Province. When possible, children are placed in foster homes, with older children being placed in some cases on farms under wage agreements. The Branch operates five child-caring institutions for the care of wards until they can be returned to the care of their parents or placed in foster or adoption homes. A portion of the maintenance costs for all wards, other than those born out of wedlock, where an attempt is made to recover from the father, is borne by the municipality. Financial responsibility, however, is limited so that it will not exceed one mill of the municipality's tax rate, and ceases when the child reaches 16 years of age. All recipients of Mothers' Allowance and dependents on behalf of whom the Allowance is paid are provided with free medical, dental, optical and hospital care and free drugs.

Care of the Aged and Infirm.—The Department operates a Home for Aged and Infirm Persons which provides accommodation for 109 persons. During 1947, a second Home was opened to accommodate 75 aged and infirm patients. Plans are underway for an additional Home to be operated by the Department where accommodation will be provided for another 150 to 200 persons. The Social Welfare Act also provides for the licensing and supervision of privately operated homes. Old age and blind pensioners and their dependents are provided with free medical, dental, optical and hospital care.