

Subsection 3.—Voluntary Services—Co-ordination at the National Level

The Canadian Welfare Council.—This Council, established in 1920, is a national association of public and private agencies in partnership to secure comprehensive well-administered social services of high quality for the Canadian people. It furnishes authoritative information, technical advice and field service to public and private agencies in the main areas of social welfare, and publicizes social needs by focussing attention on specific social ills and encouraging citizens to help remedy them. It provides a means of co-operative planning and action, by serving as a link between the public and private agencies whose team work is essential to sound welfare services.

The policies and program of the Council are determined by its members, with the help of a nationally representative elected Board of Governors. Aided by a professional staff which provides both central office and field service, members work together in these Divisions: Child Welfare, Family Welfare, Recreation, Delinquency and Crime, Public Welfare, French-Speaking Services, Surveys and Research, Community Chests and Councils, Volunteer Services, and Youth Services. Membership is open to individuals and agencies interested in social welfare, whether or not they are professionally engaged in its practice.

The Council has a broad basis of support. Community Chest grants and assessments provide 34 p.c. of the annual budget, donations 23 p.c., Federal and Provincial Government grants 21 p.c., payments for special services 10 p.c., memberships 9 p.c. and miscellaneous activities 3 p.c.

The Council's magazine *Canadian Welfare*, which commenced publication in 1924, is issued eight times a year. To provide information regarding the latest trends and programs in public and private welfare services, recreation and community organization, and a general survey of developing social services in Canada and abroad, pamphlets on a wide range of welfare subjects are prepared and supplied at small cost to member agencies and interested individuals, and a Directory of Welfare Services is issued and revised at regular intervals. A library on welfare subjects is available to members, and books and pamphlets may be borrowed. An information and consultation service by mail is also provided.

Some subjects in which the Council has been interested since its inception have been the regulation of child labour, adequate controls for juvenile immigration, assistance to Municipal and Provincial Governments in setting up relief administration, a study of Canadian adoption laws as a step towards uniform and high standards of adoption procedure in all provinces, the planning for the reception and placement of war guests, briefs on Dominion-Provincial relations, Indian affairs, and housing, and a large number of surveys on a variety of subjects, requested by agencies, communities and provinces.