

for X-ray. The Province subsidizes separate tuberculosis control programs in the northern areas of the Province conducted by the International Grenfell Association and the Notre Dame Bay Memorial Hospital and assists with Newfoundland Tuberculosis Association surveys in other areas.

Free treatment for venereal disease is available throughout the Province. Free drugs are distributed for use in all areas and doctors are reimbursed for treatment provided.

At St. John's the Department operates a General Hospital, a Tuberculosis Sanatorium and a Hospital for Mental and Nervous Diseases. In the outports it operates 14 cottage hospitals, with a total capacity of about 500 beds, and a number of nursing stations. The Infants Home and the Home for the Aged and Infirm are departmental institutions also located at St. John's. The Government is building at Corner Brook a new provincial tuberculosis sanatorium and is providing financial assistance in the construction of a general hospital. Other hospitals are reimbursed for departmental cases at a per diem rate. The Grace Hospital at St. John's receives an annual grant of about \$14,400 for maternity cases. Substantial grants are made to the Notre Dame Bay Memorial Hospital and Clinic and to the International Grenfell Association, which serve the Notre Dame Bay area, and the White Bay and St. Barbe Districts and Labrador, respectively.

Under the cottage hospital scheme the head of each family pays \$10 and each single adult \$5 annually for medical and hospital care. Services available to subscribers include out-patient diagnosis and treatment, hospitalization as required, admission to hospital for complicated maternity cases, domiciliary visits by the doctor and admission to the cottage hospital, the General Hospital at St. John's or, when necessary, to hospitals in other provinces. A charge is made for medicines, a nominal fee is charged for dental extractions and there is a fee of \$10 for maternity cases. The subscriber provides his own transportation. Medical officers in charge of the cottage hospitals receive a basic retaining fee, payments for prophylactic inoculations, for certain surgical procedures and for venereal disease treatments and two-thirds of the fees collected in the hospital district; part-time District Medical Health Officers are paid annual subsidies for departmental work in addition to fees for special services. Other doctors are reimbursed for services to indigents on a fee basis. In districts not served by doctors nursing services are provided on payment of an annual fee of \$6 per family or \$3 for a single person.

**Prince Edward Island.**—In 1946 the Department of Public Welfare, which administered both health and welfare functions, was reorganized as the Department of Health and Welfare.

Under the supervision of the Chief Health Officer the staff of the Health Division of the Department includes a Director of the Divisions of Laboratories and of Venereal Disease Control, a Sanitary Engineer, a Director of Public Health Nursing, and a Medical Superintendent in charge of the Falconwood Hospital for mental diseases and the Provincial Infirmary for the poor and infirm.

The Province is divided into five districts; a public health nurse is assigned to each district and is responsible for general public health services such as the inspection of school children, immunization clinics, home-visiting and home-nursing classes. 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.