

The Division of Laboratories consisting of Histology, Bacteriology, Serology, Hematology and Biochemistry laboratories, aids hospitals and practising physicians of the Province.

The Provincial Government operates, at Charlottetown, a Provincial Sanatorium of 145-bed capacity under a Board of Commissioners. An annual grant is made to aid ex-sanatorium patients when required and to provide assistance to indigent tubercular persons awaiting admission and to their families. Field work in the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis is one of the responsibilities of the Health Division and clinics are held periodically at central points in the Province. The Prince Edward Island Tuberculosis League, a voluntary organization, works in close co-operation with the Provincial Sanatorium and the Health Division. A 20-bed hospital for crippled children is maintained at the Provincial Sanatorium.

The Department of Health and Welfare operates two venereal disease clinics, one at Charlottetown and the other at Summerside; hospital beds are provided for selected cases. All necessary medication is supplied free of charge to persons who are not within reach of public health clinics.

Grants are made to all general hospitals at a rate of 75 cents per diem for all patients. These general hospitals in turn agree to accept without charge all indigent persons requiring treatment. Expenses in connection with the operation of a hospital for the insane are borne practically in full by the Provincial Government.

Nova Scotia.—The Nova Scotia Department of Public Health administers a province-wide program of public health services. Its principal divisions are Public Health Nursing, Industrial Hygiene, Neuropsychiatry, Physical Fitness and Nutrition, Sanitation and Laboratories.

The Province is divided into eight health divisions, seven of which are under the direction of, and are financed by, the Province. The city of Halifax, which constitutes the eighth, receives partial support from the Province. Each division is staffed by public health nurses and sanitary inspectors and is under the supervision of a Director or, in the case of Halifax, a Commissioner. The divisions are equipped with portable X-ray and other apparatus and provide the following services: health education, communicable disease control, environmental sanitation, public health nursing, and maternal, infant and child hygiene.

Diagnostic services including bacteriological and other examinations and milk and water analyses are provided to physicians and health divisions by the Provincial Laboratories. Streptomycin for tuberculosis and penicillin for venereal disease cases are provided by the Province.

Five provincially owned hospitals are operated under the direction of the Department, including the general hospital, three tuberculosis sanatoria, and the Nova Scotia Hospital for mental cases. A cancer clinic and a "Kenny" treatment clinic for poliomyelitis are attached to the general hospital. Treatment for tuberculosis is free, and free care for mental illness is given in the Nova Scotia Hospital.

A provincial per diem subsidy is given to all approved hospitals for each patient receiving treatment. In 1949 provision was made for supplementary provincial grants covering the whole or part of the cost of medical services to recipients of mothers' allowances.

New Brunswick.—The Department of Health and Social Services has evolved from the Department of Health established in 1918 under the New Brunswick Health Act. The administration of the Health Branch is carried on by the Chief