

Medical Officer, who is also Registrar-General. Provincial Government hospitals consisting of two tuberculosis sanatoria and one mental hospital are operated under the supervision of medical superintendents. Divisions supervised by full-time Directors are: Hospital Services, Laboratory Services, Public Health Nursing, Venereal Disease Control, Tuberculosis Control, Maternal and Child Welfare, Mental Health, Cancer Control, Sanitary Engineering, and Dental Hygiene. Seven Medical Health Officers are engaged in District work.

Health services are administered through 16 sub-health districts; 15 of these are continuous with the counties of the Province, and the city of Fredericton forms the sixteenth. Two or three sub-districts are grouped under the supervision of one District Medical Health Officer, who is responsible for the enforcement of public health legislation within the area.

District Health Officers assisted by public health nurses administer a preventive program of disease control, laboratory service, child and school hygiene, sanitation, immunization and health education. Municipal nurses and the Victorian Order of Nurses are subsidized by the Provincial Department of Health to aid in this work. Consultative and educational services are provided in the fields of dental hygiene, maternal and child welfare, nutrition and sanitation. The Provincial Department exercises supervision over the sub-district Boards of Health.

Clinics within the health districts provide X-ray and diagnostic services for tuberculosis. Cancer diagnostic clinics provide free diagnosis with free tissue examination for clinic biopsies. Free treatment is provided for indigents suffering from venereal disease through fees for service to physicians or at clinics, and free hospitalization is given when required. Acute and immediate post-paralytic phases of poliomyelitis are hospitalized at provincial expense. Pneumothorax treatment for convalescent tuberculosis patients is supplied by the Province by payment of physicians' fees. The Health Department supervises three sanatoria in addition to the two owned by the Province, and operates clinics in the larger centres.

Mental health services have been recently organized and expanded to include free preventive and diagnostic clinics. The Provincial Mental Hospital provides treatment of which approximately 60 p.c. of the cost is borne by the Province.

Pathological, bacteriological, serological and chemical tests are provided by the Provincial Laboratories whose Director also supervises the distribution of vaccines, sera and bacteriologicals, including free immunizing agents, drugs for venereal diseases and insulin for indigent diabetics.

Hospital care is subsidized by a provincial per diem grant to approved hospitals for all patients. Hospitalization in tuberculosis sanatoria is provided to all free of charge.

Quebec.—The Ministry of Health, established in 1936, deals with matters relating to health, preventive medicine and public charities. It replaced the Provincial Bureau of Health that had operated since 1922 under the Provincial Secretary.

The Ministry of Health maintains the following divisions: Laboratories, Sanitary Engineering, Demography, Hospitals for the Insane, Public Charities, Health Units, Epidemiology, Industrial Health, Nutrition (including Maternal and Child Health), Venereal Diseases, Tuberculosis, Health Education, Foster Home Care, and Medical Service for Settlers.