

Quebec

Major responsibility for the administration of public welfare services is shared by the Department of Health and the Department of Social Welfare and Youth. The latter is responsible for preventive and rehabilitative work among juvenile delinquents, grants subsidies to recreation groups, camps, sports, parks and playgrounds, and administers Old Age Pensions and Needy Mothers' Assistance.

The Department of Health administers the Public Charities Act which embodies the Provincial Government policy of granting subsidies to religious and private institutions wherever they exist rather than creating public services. Under the Act, provision is made for subsidies to institutions on a per diem basis, with the Province paying one-third of the cost of maintenance of indigent persons admitted, the municipality of residence paying one-third and the institution the other third.

Child Care and Protection.—Needy or abandoned children are cared for largely in institutions such as orphanages, industrial schools, nurseries, and other Homes assisted under the Public Charities Act. There is a trend towards foster-home care and the increasing use of social-work methods in institutions. Training and rehabilitation programs are carried on in the six industrial schools and four reform institutions to which children are committed. A Child Guidance Clinic in the Montreal Juvenile Court operates directly under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Social Welfare and Youth as part of the provincial program for the prevention of juvenile delinquency.

Children who have not been infected but who have been exposed to tuberculosis are placed with rural families and supervision of their health and welfare is maintained by the Department of Health in co-operation with local doctors and clergy.

Special Services.—Aid to Youth, a program under the Department of Social Welfare and Youth, provides vocational guidance and scholarship grants to young people. The Department also sponsors some 50 specialized training schools and correspondence courses.

Care of the Aged.—Institutional care for indigent old people is provided under the terms of the Public Charities Act.

Social Assistance.—Relief to families is not provided in Quebec but institutional care for indigents is available under the terms of the Public Charities Act. The Department of Colonization operates a program whereby needy families are settled on the land in newly opened districts, and are supervised and granted financial aid until they become self-supporting.

Ontario

Public welfare services are administered by the Department of Public Welfare. Legislation in 1948 authorized single municipalities, districts, or groups of municipalities or districts, to join together, to establish welfare units for more efficient administration, and provided for provincial payment of 50 p.c. of administrative costs.

Child Care and Protection.—The Children's Aid Branch of the Child Welfare Division is responsible for the administration of the Children's Protection Act, the Children of Unmarried Parents Act and the Adoption Act, and for supervision of the 53 Children's Aid Societies and all institutions for children in the Province. Under a 1949 amendment to the Children's Protection Act, the Provincial Government is enabled to reimburse municipalities against which an order has been made