

PART III.—NATIONAL VOLUNTARY HEALTH AND WELFARE ACTIVITIES

Canadian Welfare Council.—This Council, established in 1920, is a national association of over 1,200 organizations and individual citizens 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 in the main areas of social welfare and provides a means of co-operative planning and action, by serving as a link between the public and private agencies.

Membership is open to individuals and to associations. Among the member organizations of the Council are Community Chests and Councils, a wide variety of private social agencies, various federal, provincial and municipal departments and other groups active in the fields of health, welfare and education.

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 who provide both central office and field services, the members work together in these divisions: Child Welfare, Family Welfare, Recreation, Public Welfare, Delinquency and Crime, Community Chests and Councils. In addition to the divisions, there are standing committees on research, volunteer social work, field services and personnel in social welfare. A department of French-speaking services and a department of public relations maintain liaison between the Council staff, Council members and the public.

Some subjects to which the Council has given study are the regulation of child labour, controls for juvenile immigration, Canadian adoption laws as a step towards improved adoption procedure in all provinces, needs of the aged, public assistance, residence and settlement legislation, rehabilitation of the disabled and a large number of surveys on a variety of subjects, requested by agencies, communities and provinces.

In addition to its magazine, *Canadian Welfare*, published eight times a year, the Council issues reports, pamphlets, briefs and division bulletins and an annual directory of Canadian welfare services. It organizes conferences, institutes and lectures, as well as a two to three-day annual meeting.

The Council has a broad basis of support. Its annual budget is financed by grants and assessments from Community Chests, Federal and Provincial Government grants, donations, memberships and payments for special services.

The Canadian Red Cross Society.—The Canadian Red Cross Society was founded in 1896 to furnish volunteer aid to the sick and wounded in time of war and to work for the improvement of health, the prevention of disease and the mitigation of suffering. The peacetime program of the Society consists of eight major services. The operation of outpost hospitals and of a blood transfusion service are important projects receiving attention within nearly all provincial divisions. Nutrition and visiting homemaker's services, and the teaching of swimming and water safety are carried on in most branch areas. In addition, relief is supplied in times of national