

District Health Officers, assisted by public health nurses, supervise a preventive program of disease control, 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.

Clinics within the health districts provide X-ray and diagnostic services for tuberculosis. Cancer diagnostic clinics provide free diagnosis and free tissue examination service. Free treatment, including hospitalization when required, is provided for indigents suffering from venereal disease. Acute and immediate post-paralytic cases of poliomyelitis are hospitalized at provincial expense and hospitalization is being provided to an increasing extent for other crippling conditions in children. Pneumothorax treatment for convalescent tuberculosis patients is supplied by the Province through 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.

A mental health program has been recently organized and expanded to include preventive and diagnostic clinics. The Provincial Mental Hospital provides treatment and approximately 60 p.c. of the cost is borne by the Province.

Pathological, bacteriological, serological and chemical tests are provided by the Provincial Laboratories which also supervise the distribution of vaccines, sera and bacteriologicals, including free immunizing agents, drugs for venereal diseases and insulin for indigent diabetics. The Division of Laboratories has been recently expanded to include a dental laboratory which provides specialized services.

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, which deals with matters relating to health, preventive medicine and public charities, maintains the following Divisions: Laboratories, Sanitary Engineering, Demography, Hospitals for Mental Diseases, Public Charities, County Health Units, Epidemiology, Industrial Hygiene, Nutrition, Venereal Diseases, Tuberculosis, Health Education, and Medical Service to Settlers.

The Division of County Health Units administers 64 county health units covering 74 of the Province's 76 municipal counties. Eighteen municipalities, such as the cities of Montreal, Quebec and Sherbrooke, operate their own Health Bureaus. The Ministry of Health is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the County Health Units, with some local contributions being made to the cost. Each Unit provides full-time public health service to a county or a group of two or three adjoining counties and is administered by a full-time Medical Health Officer assisted by public health nurses and sanitary inspectors. Services provided by the Units include immunization and communicable-disease clinics, free dental, anti-tuberculosis and well-baby clinics, examination of school children, consultative services by health officers, and home visits for the follow-up of communicable disease contacts. In addition the Units have certain responsibilities in regard to sanitary measures, including approval of plans for water and sewage works and in the collection of vital statistics, health education, and the supply of biologicals.

The Medical Services to Settlers Division provides services to persons in isolated areas, through dispensaries staffed by public health nurses. These nurses, under the supervision of regional health officers, co-operate with the county health-unit staff