

or enlarging existing homes, provided the plans are approved by the Minister of Public Welfare. In districts, the Province may also pay that portion of construction costs allocated to the unorganized territory.

Under the Charitable Institutions Act, all private institutions for the aged must be approved by the Province; they are entitled to a small per diem grant for each needy person maintained, including old age pensioners.

Social Assistance.—Regulations under the Unemployment Relief Act authorize the Department of Public Welfare to reimburse municipalities 50 p.c. of the amount expended on assistance to unemployables, up to a specified maximum. In unorganized areas this program is administered and financed by the Department.

Assistance to Veterans.—The Soldiers' Aid Commission extends advice and emergency assistance to ex-service men of the First and Second World Wars and to their families.

Manitoba.—Public welfare services are administered by the Public Welfare Division of the Department of Health and Public Welfare.

Child Care and Protection.—In unorganized territory, basic child care and protection services are provided by the Division of Public Welfare. In most of the municipally organized areas, these services are maintained by four children's aid societies which receive substantial provincial support under a system of matching grants. Payments are based on a formula of the number and cost of social workers per 100,000 population in a representative area where the Province provides child-welfare services. Under agreement between the societies and the Government, payment is made conditional on the provision of a basic level of service and the collection of equivalent voluntary contributions.

The cost of maintenance of wards is paid by the municipality of residence, but the Province refunds a portion of these costs from a \$300,000 annual fund to be shared by municipalities in proportion to their relief and child-welfare expenditures.

The Child Welfare Division provides foster-home care and supervision for mental defectives placed under the custodianship of the Director. The Broadway Home at Winnipeg, an advanced training school for mentally defective girls, comes under the joint direction of the Divisions of Public Welfare and Psychiatry.

Care of the Aged.—All institutions and nursing homes caring for the aged and infirm are supervised and licensed by the Provincial Department of Health and Welfare under Public Health Regulations. The largest of these institutions, with 420 beds, accepts only applications made through public authorities where a definite guarantee of maintenance is provided by either the Province or the municipality. Other than this, no financial assistance is given by the Province.

Social Assistance.—The Province provides aid to transient indigents and to persons in unorganized territory. The municipalities are responsible for the provision of assistance to their residents but these expenses, as well as ward maintenance costs, are partly reimbursed by the Province from the \$300,000 annual fund allotted on a pro rata basis.

Saskatchewan.—Public welfare services are administered by the Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.