

Child Care and Protection.—The administration of the Protection of Children Act, the Adoption Act, the Children of Unmarried Parents Act, and the placement of children in foster homes is carried on by the Child Welfare Division, except at Vancouver and Victoria where children's aid societies are located. Administration of the boys and girls industrial schools, family case work and rehabilitative supervision of boys and girls released from the schools are carried on in co-operation with the Juvenile Courts.

Care of the Aged.—The Provincial Home is operated for the care of aged men. Several cities and municipalities also operate homes for the aged; grants of 33 p.c. of the capital cost of construction are made by the Province. Municipal homes, private institutions and boarding homes are licensed and supervised. The costs of maintaining indigent residents, as well as any maintenance costs over and above the old age pension, are shared on an 80-20 provincial-municipal basis.

Social Assistance.—The Family Division administers the Social Assistance Act which provides for the granting of social allowances to needy individuals or families, counselling services to families even if financial aid is not required, health services, occupational training or retraining, as well as boarding and foster-home care.

The Province reimburses the municipalities 80 p.c. of the cost of social assistance, with the exception of old age pensions, pensions for the blind and mothers' allowances to which the municipalities do not contribute.

Special Services.—Certain divisions of the Health Branch of the Department of Health and Welfare include social services as part of their treatment. Medical social workers, appointed by the Social Welfare Branch, serve patients of the Tuberculosis Sanatoria and Venereal Diseases Clinics and their families. Provincial institutions and hospitals also have social-service programs, and case-work services are provided in the Provincial Mental Hospital and child guidance clinics. Social workers report on the social history of all infirmary applicants and work in collaboration with doctors in a hospital-clearance program carried on under the direction of the Inspector of Hospitals.

Federal Departments use the services of the Social Welfare Branch co-operatively in connection with social investigations required in any part of the Province.

Subsection 3.—Workmen's Compensation

In all ten provinces, legislation is in force providing for compensation for injury to a workman by accident arising out of and in the course of employment, or by a specified industrial disease. A summary of provincial legislation is given in the Labour Chapter.

Subsection 4.—Care of the Dependent and the Handicapped

Detailed statistics of charitable and benevolent institutions in Canada are made available quinquennially and, as reported for the 1946 Census, appear at p. 288 of the 1950 edition of the Year Book.