

### PART III.—NATIONAL VOLUNTARY HEALTH AND WELFARE ACTIVITIES\*

**Canadian Welfare Council.**—The 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 and Youth Services, 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 magazines, *Canadian Welfare* published eight times a year and *Bien-être social canadien* published five 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 and holds 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.

**Canadian Conference of National Voluntary Health and Welfare Organizations.**—This organization was set up in April, 1949, following a two-year series of informal meetings of executives of national voluntary agencies who met to explore the need and possibility of co-operation in matters of common concern. The Conference provides national health and welfare agencies with a clearing-house and a medium for exchange of experience and for joint study and action.

**Canadian Committee of Youth Services.**—This Committee was established in June, 1949, for the purpose of providing a medium for joint planning and action on the part of Canadian organizations concerned with youth welfare.

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