

**The Canadian Red Cross Society.**—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 and international disaster; craft training and recreational centres are operated for hospitalized war veterans and a national inquiry bureau traces persons for the purpose of reuniting families and friends.

The Canadian Junior Red Cross promotes health and good citizenship in schoolroom branches across Canada. As part of its program, the Junior Red Cross Crippled Children's Fund is maintained to assist in providing treatment for handicapped children.

**The Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada.**—The Victorian Order of Nurses is a voluntary public health agency, national in scope and having as its primary object the care of the sick in their own homes by visiting nurses. The Order provides a community service available to everyone in the area served. Care is given under medical direction by visiting nurses to medical, surgical and maternity patients, a large percentage of whom would otherwise be without skilled nursing services. Patients are expected to pay the cost of the home visits, but fees are scaled according to family income and service is never refused because of inability to pay.

Part-time nursing service is given in industrial plants where the number of employees does not warrant full-time employment of a nurse. In smaller centres where the Order provides the only public health nurse, the program is usually enlarged to include school nursing, assistance at immunization clinics and child health centres and other public health services.

**The Health League of Canada.**—The Health League of Canada is a voluntary association devoted to a program of health education. Through the media of press, radio, posters, pamphlets, motion pictures and the public platform, the League keeps the public informed concerning the health value of milk pasteurization, immunization procedures for preventable diseases, proper nutritional habits, sanitary work practices by public food-handlers and organized health programs for industrial workers. Particular divisions deal with these specific health problems; a social hygiene division conducts a program against the spread of venereal disease. The League supplements its year-round program with the annual sponsoring of National Health and National Immunization Weeks.

**The Order of St. John.**—The Order of St. John in Canada has its headquarters and national offices at Ottawa, branches in every province and local centres in hundreds of cities, towns and villages throughout Canada. The Order has two subsidiary branches, the St. John Ambulance Association and the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the first devoted to teaching, the second to rendering voluntary public assistance as required. The primary purpose of the Order is to teach first-aid, home nursing, child welfare, sanitation, hygiene and kindred subjects to citizens of Canada irrespective of age, race and creed, and to provide trained and organized personnel to help in time of disaster or national emergency. The Canadian branch was organized in 1895 and, since that time, more than 1,250,000 persons have