

Free treatment services and drugs for venereal disease are available throughout the Province through full-time and part-time district medical health officers and public health nurses. A school health program includes educational work and such activities as the distribution of chocolate milk-powder and cod-liver oil.

The Department operates a general hospital, a tuberculosis sanatorium and a hospital for mental and nervous diseases all at St. John's and has recently opened a new provincial sanatorium at Corner Brook. Privately operated hospitals receive per diem payments for departmental cases and, in certain outlying areas, substantial provincial grants.

The "cottage hospital" scheme operates on a prepayment basis and is designed to provide medical and hospital service to the population of outlying areas. Services are provided through 17 small provincially operated hospitals with a total capacity of about 450 beds and equipped in most cases with laboratory and X-ray services. Medical officers and nursing stations in adjoining communities supplement these services. Prepayment of \$10 annually for the head of each family and \$5 annually for each single adult, entitle subscribers to outpatient diagnosis and treatment, to home visits by the doctor and to hospitalization, as required, in the cottage hospitals or, when necessary, in the general hospital at St. John's or outside the Province. Hospitalization for maternity is provided only in complicated cases. In districts not served by doctors, nursing services are provided on payment of an annual fee of \$6 for a family or \$3 for a single person. In general, the cost of medical and hospital care for indigents is borne by the Province, but some social aid recipients pay premiums in cottage hospital areas.

Prince Edward Island.—The Health Branch of the Department of Health and Welfare includes Divisions of Public Health Nursing, Sanitary Engineering, Dental Health, Laboratories, Venereal Disease Control, Cancer Control, Tuberculosis Control, Mental Health and Vital Statistics.

Generalized public health nursing services are conducted by seven district nurses, and sanitary services are provided under the direction of a public health engineer. Free dental treatment is available for needy children at a permanent clinic at Charlottetown and for children in Grade I classes in rural areas through a mobile unit. Laboratory facilities are being decentralized through the establishment in the larger hospitals of branches which remain under the supervision of the Central Laboratory at Charlottetown. Venereal disease clinics are operated at Charlottetown and Summerside.

Free diagnostic services for tuberculosis are provided through five clinics maintained by the Division of Tuberculosis Control, and through a mobile unit which operates under voluntary auspices. At the Provincial Sanatorium at Charlottetown, streptomycin for treatment, and training and employment placement services are available free of charge to all patients. Sanatorium care, though not unqualifiedly free, is heavily subsidized by the Province. Free diagnostic services for cancer are given at a clinic located at Charlottetown. Hospitalization for diagnosis is provided without charge for a period of three days for indigent cancer patients.

Per diem grants are made to general hospitals for all patients and the Province also meets the cost of operating the Falconwood Mental Hospital.

Nova Scotia.—The principal Divisions of the Department of Public Health are Laboratories, Industrial Hygiene, Neuropsychiatry, Physical Fitness, Dental Hygiene, Nutrition, Nursing Service and Sanitary Engineering. In addition, a