

operated sanatoria in addition to the two owned by the Province. Ten cancer diagnostic clinics provide free diagnosis and free tissue examination service. Acute and immediate post-paralytic cases of poliomyelitis also receive free hospital treatment and grants are made to the Junior Red Cross to enable free treatment for other crippling conditions in children.

A mental health program includes the operation of preventive and diagnostic clinics and provides special psychiatric training for teachers on regular school staffs in the larger centres. Hospitalization for mental illness is available at the Provincial Mental Hospital at Saint John.

General care for all patients is subsidized by provincial per diem grants to approved hospitals.

Quebec.—The Ministry of Health maintains the following Divisions: County Health Units, Sanitary Engineering, Epidemiology, Laboratories, Demography, Hospitals for Mental Diseases, Public Charities, Industrial Hygiene, Nutrition, Venereal Disease, Tuberculosis, Health Education and Medical Service to Settlers.

The Division of County Health Units supplies services to 66 of the Province's 76 counties. The maintenance and operation of these units, each with a full-time medical health officer assisted by public health nurses and sanitary inspectors, is the responsibility of the Ministry of Health, with small local financial contributions. In addition, 16 larger municipalities operate their own health bureaus. Drugs supplied by the Provincial Department to physicians and health units include vaccines, sera, streptomycin for sanatoria patients and penicillin for venereal disease. Laboratory services, including bacteriological and other analyses, are available to physicians and health units at the Central Laboratory, Montreal. Assistance is given to agencies which operate clinics or dispensaries for prevention, case-finding and treatment of tuberculosis. The Department pioneered with the initiation in 1949 of a BCG immunization campaign administered to all new-born infants in hospitals and available to children generally through the health units.

Through the Division of Public Charities, recognized institutions receive provincial grants to cover about one-half of the cost of indigent care; the remainder is paid by the hospital board and the municipality of residence.

The Department operates public mental institutions and supervises tuberculosis sanatoria which are operated chiefly under private and religious auspices and in which the majority of patients receive care without charge.

The Medical Services to Settlers Division provides free nursing and physician services to residents of isolated areas. The staff consists of salaried nurses and part-time physicians paid on a fee-for-service basis. Services given include obstetrical care, examinations, vaccinations and immunizations.

Ontario.—The Department of Health carries on public health services through the following Divisions: Public Health Administration, Public Health Nursing, Maternal and Child Hygiene, Dental Services, Epidemiology, Venereal Disease Control, Tuberculosis Prevention, Industrial Hygiene, Laboratories and Sanitary Engineering.

Local public health services are available to about one-quarter of the population through 26 health units administered locally but with consultative services and financial support supplied by the Department. Elsewhere, local services are organized