

through full- or part-time municipal health departments, and by the Province in unorganized territory. Provincial grants are made to local boards of health for school dental services and venereal disease clinics.

Public health legislation affecting water supplies, milk and food and other environmental sanitation is administered by the Department. Maternal and child health care is provided through clinics and, in addition, any expectant mother may receive one free prenatal examination. In certain northern areas a railway dental car operated by the Province provides treatment and two mobile units operated by the Red Cross provide dental examinations. Three other mobile dental units operate locally under the supervision of health boards or school authorities.

The Central Laboratory and 15 branch laboratories (nine provincially operated and six subsidized) carry out bacteriological and other examinations for clinics, hospitals and private physicians. Biologicals and other materials for the prevention and control of communicable diseases, insulin for indigent diabetics and streptomycin for tuberculosis patients, are distributed free of charge by the Department.

Chest clinics, held in approximately 170 centres, are financed mainly through funds of local tuberculosis associations and the Department. The Province pays the major portion of the cost of maintaining patients in sanatoria.

Cancer control in Ontario is administered by the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation and provincial grants are given this organization to subsidize diagnosis and treatment in eight clinics.

Care is provided for the mentally ill in 17 institutions operated by the Province. Special units are concerned with the care of epileptics, the tubercular and the criminally insane. In addition, the Province operates four travelling mental health clinics. A provincial hospital for alcoholics and a treatment clinic have recently been opened.

Old-age pensioners, blind pensioners, mothers' allowance recipients and those receiving unemployment relief are eligible for free medical care including home and office calls, minor surgery and certain basic drugs. The program is operated by the Ontario Medical Association on per capita allowances paid by the Province.

Per diem grants, which vary according to hospital size, are paid to all public hospitals by both provincial and municipal authorities.

Manitoba.—Health and welfare services are administered by the Department of Health and Public Welfare consisting of four main Divisions: General Administration, Health Services, Psychiatric Services and Welfare Services.

Local preventive health services including local health units and diagnostic units are maintained and operated by the Health Extension Section of the Health Services Division, which recovers part of the costs from the municipalities served. Public health services, currently covering approximately one-third of the provincial population, are provided through 14 full-time units, each comprising a variable number of municipalities (approximately another third of the population is covered by Winnipeg's health service facilities). In two health unit areas (Dauphin and Selkirk) prepaid diagnostic X-ray and laboratory facilities have been organized. Outside the health unit areas the Provincial Nursing Service provides public health services.