

and the collection of equivalent voluntary contributions; payments are made in accordance with a formula based on the number and cost of social workers per 100,000 population in a representative area where the Division directly administers child-welfare services. The Division provides foster-home care and supervision for mental defectives placed in the custody of the Director of Child Welfare and, with the Division of Psychiatry, operates a home for mentally defective girls. The Attorney-General's Department is responsible for Juvenile Courts and operates a boys' home and a girls' home for delinquents.

Care of the Aged.—Institutions and nursing homes for the aged and infirm are supervised and licensed by the Department under public health legislation.

Social Assistance.—Municipalities are responsible for assistance to needy residents, but these expenses, as well as ward maintenance costs, are partly reimbursed by the Province from the \$300,000 annual social assistance fund which is allocated on a pro-rata basis. The Province is responsible for aid to persons without municipal residence as well as for general assistance in unorganized territory.

Saskatchewan.—The administration of provincial welfare services, under the Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, was reorganized in 1952 to provide for more effective co-ordination and supervision of programs. A single Public Welfare Branch replaced the former Child Welfare, Public Assistance and Welfare Services Branches and three new Branches were set up to deal with research and planning, nursing homes and housing, and with rehabilitation.

Child Care and Protection.—The Department provides welfare services for children throughout most of the Province and supervises the program of the Children's Aid Society at Saskatoon to which certain responsibilities are delegated. Children found to be neglected are, by Court Order, made wards of the Minister and are placed in foster homes, adoptive homes or institutions. A portion of the maintenance costs of wards, except of children born out of wedlock, is paid by the municipality of residence. The Branch operates three institutions for the temporary care of wards.

The Corrections Branch of the Department is responsible for both adult and juvenile correctional services, provides probation and parole services for juvenile delinquents and administers the Saskatchewan Boys' School. Juvenile Courts, reorganized in 1950, consist of an Adjudication Division, under a judge, which determines whether a delinquency has been committed, and a Disposition Division which determines treatment. The latter is composed of a magistrate and the provincial youth guidance authority which also has wide supervisory powers over treatment measures.

Care of the Aged.—The Department operates two homes for the aged and licenses and supervises all privately operated homes. Maintenance, where necessary, may be arranged under the social aid program. The Nursing Homes and Housing Branch is also responsible for planning to meet future needs of the aged and for co-operating with other governmental organizations in the fields of institutional care and housing for the aged.

Social Assistance and Special Services.—The costs of assistance to needy persons are shared equally by the municipalities and the Department, the Province paying the entire cost for transients and for persons in unorganized areas. The Rehabilitation Branch provides training and placement services for the handicapped; one-half