

per capita in the main target areas. These federal grants must be equalled by provincial contributions. Also, the Federal Government has offered to bear a portion of the cost of standardizing fire-hose couplings. By mid-1952, Ontario and Alberta had accepted the offer and were proceeding with a standardization program. Large quantities of training equipment have been provided by the Federal Government to the provinces in order to foster their training programs. Draft agreements have also been circulated to all provinces whereby the Federal Government will share, with the provinces on an equal basis, in paying workmen's compensation, where necessary, to a civil defence worker.

During the year ended Mar. 31, 1952, 14 civil defence manuals were published by the Federal Government to assist in organizing, training and general education, in addition to which a considerable amount of guiding literature was issued to assist provincial and local governments.

Each province has developed its own civil defence organization, patterned on that of the Federal Government. Certain provinces have conducted civil defence training courses similar to those of the Federal Government with the object of training local instructors and key personnel.

Civil defence organization at local level consists of the following services: police, fire, health, ambulance, welfare, rescue, engineer, public utilities, communication, transportation and information. Many of the main centres of population have made considerable advances in organization and training. An estimated 50,000 civil defence workers were reported on strength as at Mar. 31, 1952.

During 1951 an agreement was made between Canada and the United States whereby each country pledged itself to go to the assistance of the other in event of attack. A number of working groups have been formed to carry out specific tasks in the development of ways and means of carrying out this agreement. The provinces of Canada, too, have discussed with adjoining states of the United States the working out of their mutual problems. In this regard also, close liaison has been kept with the United Kingdom and other NATO countries.