

Medical officers and nursing stations in adjoining communities supplement these services. In most cottage hospital areas, prepayment of \$15 annually for the head of each family and \$7.50 for single adults entitles subscribers to out-patient diagnosis and treatment, to home visits by the doctor and to hospitalization, as required. When necessary, hospitalized cases may be referred to the general hospital at St. John's or to hospitals outside the Province. Hospitalization for maternity is provided only in complicated cases. In three areas, additional premium payments are required to purchase medical services outside of hospitals. In districts not served by doctors, nursing services are provided on payment of a small annual fee. In general, the cost of medical and hospital care for indigents is borne by the Province, but beneficiaries under such programs as federal Old Age Security are usually required to 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, Nutrition, 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 ten district nurses, and sanitary services are provided under the direction of a public health engineer. Free dental treatment is available for needy children at permanent clinics at Charlottetown and Summerside 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 that 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, a rehabilitation program of training, and an employment-placement service 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.

A mental health diagnostic clinic chiefly for adults has been opened at Charlottetown and a speech-therapy service has been established for school children with speech and hearing impairments. Patients suffering from the effects of poliomyelitis may receive hospitalization and special treatment services at the Polio Unit of the Provincial Sanatorium, Charlottetown.

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

Nova Scotia.—The principal Divisions of the Department of Public Health are Laboratories, Neuropsychiatry, Hospitals, Vital Statistics, Dental Hygiene, Nutrition, Nursing Service and Sanitary Engineering. In addition, a provincial program of generalized public health services is administered through eight local health divisions, each staffed by public health nurses and sanitary inspectors under the supervision of a full-time divisional medical health officer. The City of Halifax operates its own Health Department.