

their professional qualifications. The Council has convened a number of national conferences, including conferences on undergraduate professional preparation and on employee recreation. A Continuing Committee on Employee Recreation and a Canadian Advisory Committee on Aquatics were set up in 1952.

A diploma course for public recreation personnel, limited to 30 students, was organized in 1952 at the Council's request by the University of British Columbia because of the need for trained recreation leaders in the small towns and rural communities of Canada. The Council provided a grant of \$5,000 to assist in organizing and conducting the course. In addition, the Council provided funds for the tuition fees of 29 students selected on a quota basis from all provinces and for the transportation costs of those living outside British Columbia. Nine provinces and the Northwest Territories were represented.

The Act is administered by the Department of National Health and Welfare through the Physical Fitness Division, which provides consultative services on all aspects of fitness and recreation at the request of national organizations and provincial authorities and operates a preview library service for visual aids. The Division acts as a clearing-house for the latest information on fitness, recreation, community centres, physical education, athletics, sports and games, theatre arts and related activities. In addition, it maintains liaison with national associations and comparable organizations in other countries. On behalf of the Council, the Division in 1952 undertook a National Sports Opinion Survey, obtaining from a great number of interested persons opinions on athletic sports and games, with particular emphasis on international competition. The initial report was presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Sports Advisory Council.

The Federal Government makes available to the provinces on a per capita basis an amount not exceeding \$232,000 annually for the promotion of physical fitness and recreation programs. Financial assistance is given only to those provinces that have signed specific agreements with the Federal Government and to the extent to which they match it dollar for dollar up to the maximum available. During 1952-53, seven provinces and the Northwest Territories participated in the program.

9.—Grants Available under the National Physical Fitness Act

Province	Annual Grant Available	Province or Territory	Annual Grant Available
	\$		\$
Newfoundland.....	5,985	Manitoba.....	12,860
Prince Edward Island.....	1,630	Saskatchewan.....	13,774
Nova Scotia.....	10,641	Alberta.....	15,558
New Brunswick.....	8,540	British Columbia.....	19,296
Quebec.....	67,163	Yukon Territory.....	151
Ontario.....	76,136	Northwest Territories.....	265

Subsection 4.—Training Programs

Under the Vocational Training Co-ordination Act of 1942 as amended, the Federal Department of Labour, in co-operation with the provincial governments, carries on various training projects. Details of these schemes will be found in Chapter XVII, Section 6.