



Section 1.—Federal Health Activities

Federal participation in health matters is largely centred in the Department of National Health and Welfare, with certain important programs being administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, which provides medical and hospital care to veterans chiefly for disabilities resulting from war service; the Department of National Defence, responsible for the health of the Armed Forces; the Medical Division of the National Research Council, which administers grants for medical research; and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, responsible for the collection and compilation of health statistics. The Department of Agriculture has certain responsibilities in connection with food production.

Under the Department of National Health and Welfare Act of 1944, the Department is responsible for the administration of certain statutes, for research in health matters, for the carrying out of international health obligations undertaken by Canada and, in co-operation with the provinces, for the preservation and improvement of public health.

Under the Quarantine Act, the Department maintains a maritime and aerial navigation quarantine service against entry of infectious diseases; it advises on the administration of sections of the Immigration Act dealing with health, and conducts, in Canada and overseas, the medical examination of applicants for