

released from the schools are carried on in co-operation with the Psychiatric Division and the probation service of the Juvenile Courts, which are under the jurisdiction of the Attorney-General's Department.

Care of the Aged.—The Social Welfare Branch operates the Provincial Home which provides care for aged men. In addition, the Province operates Provincial Homes for the Aged under the mental health program administered by the Provincial Secretary's Department, as well as the Provincial Infirmary for chronic care under the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service. The Province also contributes 33 p.c. of the capital cost of construction of municipal nursing homes, and licenses and supervises municipal and private nursing homes and boarding homes. The maintenance of needy residents, where necessary, is shared with the municipalities on an 80-20 basis. The Province assumes the total cost for provincial charges.

Social Assistance.—The social assistance program is administered by the Director of Welfare and supervised by the Family Division. It includes allowances to indigent individuals or families, counselling services, occupational training and the maintenance costs of nursing-home or boarding-home care. The Province reimburses the municipalities 80 p.c. of the cost of basic and certain supplementary social assistance payments to indigent municipal residents and assumes the total cost of assistance granted for those without municipal residence.

Subsection 3.—Workmen's Compensation

In all ten provinces, legislation is in force providing for compensation for injury to a workman by accident arising out of and in the course of employment or by a specified industrial disease. A summary of provincial workmen's compensation legislation is given in Chapter XVIII.

Subsection 4.—Care of Dependent and Handicapped Persons

Statistics of charitable and benevolent institutions are compiled every five years. The Census of 1951 covered the 1950 activities of 533 institutions, 490 being residential institutions and 43 being day nurseries. Summary statistics are given in the 1954 Year Book, pp. 263-264.

PART III.—NATIONAL VOLUNTARY HEALTH AND WELFARE ACTIVITIES

A number of national voluntary agencies carry on important work in the provision of health and welfare services, planning and education. These agencies, some of which are described below, supplement the services of the federal and provincial authorities in many fields and play a leading role in stimulating public awareness of health and welfare needs and in promoting action to meet them.

Canadian Welfare Council.—The Council, established in 1920, is a national association of organizations and individual citizens in partnership to secure comprehensive, well-administered social services of high quality for the Canadian people. It furnishes authoritative information, technical advice and field service in the main areas of social welfare and provides a means of co-operative planning and action by serving as a link between the public and private agencies. Member organizations include community chests and councils, private social agencies, various federal, provincial and municipal departments and other groups and individuals active in the fields of health, welfare and education.