

grants is conditional on the provision of a basic level of service and the collection of equivalent voluntary contributions; payments are based on the number and cost of social workers per 100,000 population in a representative area.

The Division provides foster home care and supervision for mental defectives placed in the custody of the Director of Public Welfare and, with the Division of Psychiatry, operates a home for mentally defective girls. The Attorney General's Department is responsible for Juvenile Courts and operates a boys' home and a girls' home for delinquents.

Care of the Aged.—Institutions and nursing homes for the aged and infirm are supervised and licensed by the Department under public health legislation.

Social Assistance.—Municipalities are responsible for assistance to needy residents, but these expenses as well as ward maintenance costs are partly reimbursed by the Province from the \$500,000 annual social assistance fund which is allocated on a *pro rata* basis. In addition, whenever the costs of social assistance and ward maintenance to any municipality exceed in a year a sum equivalent to four mills of the equalized assessment of such municipality, the Province reimburses 60 p.c. of the excess. The Province is responsible for aid to persons without municipal residence as well as for general assistance in unorganized territory.

Saskatchewan.—Provincial welfare services are administered by the Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Child Care and Protection.—The Department provides welfare services for children throughout the Province with the exception of Saskatoon where certain responsibilities are delegated to the Children's Aid Society. Children found to be neglected are, by court order, made wards of the Minister and are placed in foster homes, adoptive homes or institutions. A portion of the maintenance costs of wards, except of children born out of wedlock, is paid by the municipality of residence. The Branch operates two institutions for the temporary care of wards. It also operates a program of non-ward care and a program for unmarried mothers.

The Corrections Branch of the Department is responsible for both adult and juvenile correctional services, supervises probation and parole services for juvenile delinquents and administers the Saskatchewan Boys' School and the provincial gaols. The Juvenile Court is presided over by a judge who devotes his time exclusively to cases of juvenile delinquency. Juveniles are discharged from correctional institutions only by parole. A Youth Guidance Authority supervises the discharging of juveniles from probation, from institutions and from parole.

Care of the Aged.—Aged and infirm persons are cared for in four provincial nursing homes and in private homes for the aged. The latter are inspected and licensed under the Housing Act which also empowers the Province and municipalities to subscribe to the stock of limited-dividend housing companies building low-rental accommodation for older persons. Capital grants, and also maintenance grants equalling \$40 per bed per year, may be made to municipalities, church or charitable organizations sponsoring approved homes or housing projects.

Social Assistance and Special Services.—The costs of assistance to needy persons are shared equally by the municipalities and the Department but the Province pays the entire cost for transients and for persons in unorganized areas. The Rehabilitation Branch provides training and placement services for the handicapped; one-half the cost of this training is borne by the Province and one-half by the municipality of residence. It is also responsible for the rehabilitation of minority groups and operates a farm where the *métis*—persons of mixed Indian and white stock who do not qualify under the Indian Act—are instructed in modern methods of farming while being paid for their work. Three schools are conducted for *métis* children.