

The National Health Program.*—The National Health Program, which consists of 12 separate grants available to all provinces and the territories, was introduced in 1948 for the development of health and hospital services. Since the inception of the program the provinces have steadily increased utilization of their grants. The annual amounts of expenditure in each fiscal year have been as follows: 1948-49, \$7,400,000; 1949-50, \$15,500,000; 1950-51, \$18,700,000; 1951-52, \$23,900,000; 1952-53, \$26,900,000; 1953-54, \$29,200,000; 1954-55, \$31,600,000; 1955-56, \$33,500,000; and 1956-57, \$36,300,000.

* A special article on the first five years of the National Health Program is given in the 1954 Year Book, pp. 215-223.

AMOUNTS EXPENDED UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM BY GRANT, YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1954 AND 1956

