

supplementary allowance, to recipients (including dependants) of blindness, mothers' or disability allowances or local relief, and to certain child wards. A subsidiary agency of the British Columbia Division, Canadian Medical Association, supplies medical and surgical services to the above categories in return for per capita payments by the Province. The Medical Services Division of the Welfare Branch pays medical premiums and administers and pays for drug, optical, dental and other services; the municipalities contribute 20 p.c. of the cost incurred by their residents. Hospital costs are met by the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service.

Mental Health.—Mental Health services are administered by the Department of the Provincial Secretary. The administrative units include the Essondale Mental Hospital, the Crease Clinic of Psychological Medicine, stationary and travelling child guidance clinics, an out-patient department and day hospital, a training school for mental defectives, the Geriatrics Division and Research Division. The Crease Clinic functions as an investigatory and active treatment centre for short-term patients. Those able to pay are expected to do so, but most of the operating costs of the mental health program are borne by the Province.

Tuberculosis.—Three sanatoria, and several stationary and mobile clinics are in operation. The Province bears most of the cost of treatment services, with some contribution from the municipalities, but patients are expected to pay according to their ability.

Cancer.—Provision for the treatment and control of cancer is the responsibility of the British Columbia Cancer Foundation which maintains treatment centres in Vancouver and Victoria, ten consultative clinics throughout the Province and a boarding home attached to the centre at Vancouver. The Foundation also provides free province-wide biopsy service. The Province subsidizes the Foundation.

Venereal Disease.—Venereal disease clinics offer free diagnosis and treatment.

Dental.—The Division of Preventive Dentistry has launched several programs for children, including grants to dentists in remote areas, to city school dental services and for the development of preventive services in health units. Child dental clinics with local dentists participating are established in more than 60 communities.

Rehabilitation.—Rehabilitation facilities, extensively developed by voluntary organizations for specific disabilities, are co-ordinated through the Health Branch. The G. F. Strong Rehabilitation Centre provides in-patient and out-patient services for severely disabled adults and children. A large out-patient centre is operated by the B.C. Workmen's Compensation Board.

Other Services.—The Province subsidizes agencies concerned with special problems such as the Alcoholism Foundation of British Columbia, the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society and the Canadian Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service.

The Yukon and Northwest Territories.—Health services in the Yukon and Northwest Territories are provided through a network of services by different government agencies, by the churches and, in some settled areas, by private practitioners. Services for the native population are maintained by the Directorate of Indian Health Services of the Department of National Health and Welfare, for the white population by the Yukon Territorial Government, the Northwest Territories Council, and the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, and for the Armed Forces by the Department of National Defence.