

public education program, welfare services such as transportation, home nursing and cancer dressings to needy persons, and fellowships to medical graduates for advanced study in cancer. The Society also makes an annual grant to the National Cancer Institute of Canada and supports clinical research.

The Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society.—Established in 1948 to promote research, professional education and treatment services in the field of rheumatism and arthritis and to disseminate factual information, the Society has branches operating in all provinces except Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland; its national office is in Toronto. Medical advisory boards in each of the eight provinces and one at the national level give advice and guidance to the provincial and national directors. The Society sponsors an educational program both for the general public and for physicians; it encourages the establishment of stationary clinics in general hospitals for the treatment of low-income patients; it pioneered in the operation of mobile clinics and now operates some seventy units to bring treatment to home-bound patients; in two provinces it supports a mobile consultative service as well as research projects in various universities and institutions; and provides clinical fellowships to physicians in all parts of Canada.

The Canadian Council for Crippled Children and Adults.—The Council was established in 1937 to co-ordinate and support activities for the care and rehabilitation of physically impaired children. The first provincial organization was formed in Ontario in 1922 and similar organizations, which have remained autonomous, now exist in all provinces except Prince Edward Island. In 1954 the services of the organization were extended to include adults. Programs in the provinces vary, ranging from the establishment of cerebral palsy clinics and the operation of summer camps for the handicapped, to payment for treatment services, prosthetics, and hospital and nursing care for needy handicapped persons. In most provinces, service clubs raise funds to support the work of the organization, particularly through the sale of Easter Seals.

The Canadian Paraplegic Association.—The Canadian Paraplegic Association, which was established in 1945 to complement the specialized treatment and rehabilitation services developed for veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, now includes services for civilian paraplegic cases and persons seriously handicapped by poliomyelitis and other disabling conditions. The national office of the Association and the major treatment centre, Lyndhurst Lodge, are housed in the same building in Toronto. Services include in-patient and out-patient therapy, the provision of prosthetic appliances, loans to patients, and rehabilitation services such as job counselling. Four regional divisions also have been established—the Maritime, Quebec, Central Western and Western Divisions. The Western Division is affiliated with the G. F. Strong Rehabilitation Centre.

National Heart Foundation of Canada.—The Canadian Heart Foundation, formed in 1947 by physicians to co-ordinate research and disseminate information, was replaced by the National Heart Foundation of Canada in 1956. Its membership consists of lay and medical organizations interested in promoting or assisting research on cardiovascular diseases. Its national office is in Toronto.

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.—Organized in 1948 to encourage, support and co-ordinate research regarding multiple sclerosis, the Society also compiles statistics and carries on public education. The national office in Ottawa is maintained by twelve provincial and local chapters whose chief function is fund raising.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada.—This Association was organized in 1954 to stimulate and unify efforts in research into the cause, nature and cure of muscular dystrophy and to promote the establishment of facilities for diagnostic, consultative and treatment services. It has a national office in Toronto supported by nine regional chapters and its chief activity is the support of research projects in medical centres across the country.