

Under the Financial Assistance Program of the Federal Government each province is provided with a money quota based on population and vulnerability; 50 p.c. of the cost of an approved project is contributed by the Federal Government and the remainder shared between the municipality and the province. A minimum of 25 p.c. is contributed direct to a municipality for projects in which the provincial government does not share in the cost. Training aids, fire and rescue equipment, and educational material continue to be supplied by Federal Headquarters to further provincial and municipal programs.

A fire-hose coupling standardization program, to which the Federal Government contributed one-third of the cost, has been completed in British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario. Payments for workmen's compensation for civil defence workers are shared by agreement on an equal basis between the Federal Government and all provinces except Quebec, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Many technical and training manuals, booklets and brochures have been produced by Federal Civil Defence Headquarters. In addition, pamphlets, folders, training aids, films, slides, newsclips and radio, newspaper and television material have been produced and distributed as part of the continuing public information program. The first National Civil Defence Day in Canada held on Friday, Oct. 4, 1957, was primarily designed to further acquaint the citizens of the country with the aims, organization and planning for civil defence. Provincial and municipal organizations from coast to coast took part. Over 2,000,000 pieces of informational material and literature were distributed by Federal Headquarters in this national and co-operative program.

Civil defence development and problems are constantly under discussion and study with the United States, the United Kingdom and other NATO countries. As the result of an agreement made between Canada and the United States in 1951, a United States-Canada Civil Defence Committee meets at regular intervals to further the bond of mutual assistance in the event of enemy attack.