

CHAPTER VI.—PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY*

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PART I.—PUBLIC HEALTH

Section 1.—Review of Health in Canada

During the past ten years there has been an unprecedented growth in Canada's population and in the health and welfare services and resources that protect it. The number of people in Canada has increased by 4,000,000 during this period, of whom less than 1,000,000 were immigrants. The expansion of both health and welfare services has been equally outstanding. Better medical and hospital care, expansion of environmental preventive services, better housing, more and better food, greater security for the older person, for the disabled and for vulnerable groups such as deserted mothers, have all contributed to better health.

The crude death rate and maternal, infant and neonatal rates have decreased more in this period than in any other in history. Death rates for some younger groups have dropped by more than two-thirds during the past quarter-century. While, in the older

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