

The Division of Corrections deals with juvenile delinquents and adult offenders and administers correctional institutions for boys and girls. A Youth Guidance Authority has been established.

*Care of the Aged.*—The province maintains a Home for the Aged and Infirm at St. John's and also pays in whole or in part the cost of maintaining needy old people in the Salvation Army Home, in the Cowan Mission Association Home, in licensed boarding homes or in private homes. In 1955, a grant of 20 p.c. of costs, to be paid over a ten-year period, was made to the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation for the construction of a home and provision is made for grants to similar projects under other auspices.

*Social Assistance.*—Aid is given under the provincial Social Assistance Act to certain needy mothers with dependent children, to incapacitated persons, and to unemployed persons. This aid is administered by the province, which receives 50 p.c. reimbursement from the Federal Government under the terms of the Unemployment Assistance Act.

**Prince Edward Island.**—The Department of Welfare and Labour is responsible for the administration of provincial welfare services.

*Child Care and Protection.*—Under the Children's Protection Act, neglected or delinquent children are placed under the guardianship of the Director of Child Welfare. They are cared for in foster or adoptive homes, boarding homes or children's institutions. Provincial grants are made to child welfare agencies and to the two private orphanages, one Protestant and one Roman Catholic. Juvenile Courts are under the Attorney General's Department and juvenile delinquents are cared for at the expense of the Department of Welfare and Labour in correctional institutions of neighbouring provinces.

*Care of the Aged.*—The aged and infirm are cared for in Falconwood Mental Hospital and in two provincial infirmaries.

*Social Assistance.*—The Department provides direct social assistance in rural areas and assumes 75 p.c. of the cost of assistance granted by the City of Charlottetown and the incorporated towns and villages. The Department also operates a province-wide program of financial aid to families where the bread-winner is suffering from tuberculosis and is unable to support the family. Under the terms of the Unemployment Assistance Act, the Federal Government reimburses the province for 50 p.c. of the costs of assistance.

**Nova Scotia.**—Provincial welfare services are administered by the Department of Public Welfare through a number of regional offices.

*Child Care and Protection.*—The child welfare program, including the inspection of institutions and the licensing of foster and maternity homes, is under the Director of Child Welfare. The Director supervises the 12 Children's Aid Societies to whom child care and protection is delegated and directly administers the program in the four areas in which societies are not organized. By court decision a neglected child may be made a ward of the Director or of a Children's Aid Society. The Societies are assisted by provincial grants and the cost of maintaining wards is shared by the province and municipality of residence.

The Department operates the Nova Scotia Training School for mentally defective children, and the Nova Scotia School for Boys for juvenile delinquents. It is also responsible for the operation of the nine Juvenile Courts and the supervision of their probation staffs. The municipality of residence is responsible for the maintenance of children in reformatories although the province may contribute also if the reformatory complies with specified standards.

*Care of the Aged.*—The aged are cared for in municipal or county homes, in homes operated by religious or private organizations and in private boarding homes where the municipality of residence may contribute to the cost of maintenance. The province