

Manitoba.—The Public Welfare Division of the Department of Health and Public Welfare is responsible for provincial welfare services.

Child Care and Protection.—The Director of Public Welfare administers provincial child welfare legislation, including the supervision of Children's Aid Societies and of child care institutions. The Public Welfare Division administers child welfare services in a large area of the province, through decentralized district offices. In the remainder of the province the Director supervises four non-denominational Children's Aid Societies and one sectarian society. Neglected children may be made wards of the Director of Public Welfare or of a Children's Aid Society. Municipalities are responsible for the maintenance of wards with provincial reimbursement on the basis outlined below under Social Assistance. Payment of annual provincial grants to Children's Aid Societies is conditional on the provision of a basic level of service and the collection of substantial voluntary contributions.

Care of the Aged.—Institutions and nursing homes for the aged and infirm are supervised and licensed by the Department under public health legislation. Under the Elderly Persons Housing Act, the province makes construction grants to municipalities, charitable organizations or limited-dividend companies equaling 20 p.c. of costs for housing accommodation and one-third of the costs of building and renovating homes for the aged. Under the Social Assistance Act the province reimburses the municipalities for 80 p.c. of the amount they spend for the maintenance of needy older persons in boarding or nursing homes.

Social Assistance.—Municipalities are responsible for social assistance, which is defined as relief to indigents, together with maintenance costs of children under the Child Welfare Act. The province reimburses a municipality to the extent of at least 40 p.c. of its social assistance costs; where it is to the municipality's advantage, provincial reimbursement is on the basis of 80 p.c. of excess of the municipality's social assistance costs over the revenue the municipality receives from a tax levy of one mill on its equalized assessment. The province is responsible for aid to persons without municipal residence as well as for general assistance in unorganized territory. Under the terms of the Unemployment Assistance Act, the Federal Government reimburses the province for 50 p.c. of the costs of assistance.

Saskatchewan.—Provincial welfare services are administered by the Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Child Care and Protection.—The Department provides welfare services for children throughout the province with the exception of Saskatoon where certain responsibilities are delegated to the Children's Aid Society. Children found to be neglected are, by court order, made wards of the Minister and are placed in foster homes, adoptive homes, or institutions. A portion of the maintenance costs of wards, except of children born out of wedlock for whom the province assumes the entire cost, is paid by the municipality of residence. The Branch operates three institutions for the temporary care of wards and also a program of non-ward care.

The Corrections Branch of the Department is responsible for both adult and juvenile correctional services, supervises probation and parole services for juvenile delinquents and administers the Saskatchewan Boys' School and the provincial gaols. A Youth Guidance Authority supervises the discharging of juveniles from probation, from institutions and from parole.

Care of the Aged.—Aged and infirm persons are cared for in four provincial nursing homes and in private homes for the aged. The latter are inspected and licensed under the Housing Act which also empowers the province and municipalities to subscribe to the stock of limited-dividend housing companies building low-rental accommodation for older