

persons. The province may also make loans to the municipalities to assist them in subscribing. Capital grants amounting to 20 p.c. of construction costs and also maintenance grants equalling \$40 per bed per year may be made to municipalities, church or charitable organizations sponsoring approved homes or housing projects.

*Social Assistance and Special Services.*—The costs of assistance to needy persons with municipal residence are divided on a 75-25 basis between the province and the municipalities and the province pays the entire cost for transients and for persons in unorganized areas. The Federal Government, under the terms of the Unemployment Assistance Act, reimburses the province for 50 p.c. of the costs of assistance.

The Rehabilitation Branch provides training and placement services for the handicapped; one-half the cost of this training is borne by the province and one-half by the municipality of residence. It is also responsible for the rehabilitation of minority groups and operates a farm where the métis—persons of mixed Indian and white stock who do not qualify under the Indian Act—are instructed in modern methods of farming while being paid for their work. Three schools are conducted for métis children.

The Department administers the Provincial Housing Act which empowers the province to enter into public housing projects under the National Housing Act, and to stimulate construction of low-rental housing projects by limited-dividend housing corporations.

**Alberta.**—The Department of Public Welfare is responsible for the administration of provincial welfare measures. It has branches in the four larger urban centres and inspectors are located in other areas throughout the province.

*Child Care and Protection.*—The provincial child welfare program is directed by a Child Welfare Commission. Neglected children, made wards of the government by court order or by agreement, may be placed in foster homes, adoptive homes or institutions. The cost of maintenance of wards is paid by the province. The Home Investigating Committee is responsible for the inspection and the licensing, where required, of all homes and institutions in which children are given care. The Attorney General's Department administers legislation regarding juvenile delinquency.

*Care of the Aged.*—Provincial grants of \$1,500 a bed for new construction or equalling one-third of costs or \$750 for every 200 sq. feet of occupied floor space for renovation of a building may be made to municipalities establishing homes with ten or more beds for aged or infirm persons. The province also meets up to 80 p.c. of the cost incurred by municipalities for the maintenance of indigent aged and infirm persons in homes licensed by the municipality in accordance with specified standards.

*Social Assistance.*—Municipalities are responsible for assistance to indigent residents but the province reimburses the municipalities for up to 80 p.c. of the value of the assistance and pays the total cost of assistance to transients. As of Jan. 1, 1958, the province receives reimbursement of 50 p.c. of the cost of assistance from the Federal Government under the terms of the Unemployment Assistance Act. The province administers relief to residents of unorganized districts. Families may be assisted through settlement on suitable farm lands. The Single Men's Branch maintains two hostels and one welfare centre to care for unemployable single homeless men without municipal domicile. The province has also established a number of métis colonies where settlers have extensive fishing, hunting and trapping rights and are encouraged to engage in lumbering, agriculture and stock-raising. Educational services are provided and government operated stores sell goods at cost price.

*Widows Pensions.*—Under the Widows Pension Act, widows aged 60 to 64 years inclusive may receive pensions of up to \$55 per month. Also included in this category are wives of men committed to mental hospitals or deserted wives who meet the conditions of need and residence and are within the designated age group.