

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.—The Society has been organized since 1948 to support research in multiple sclerosis and allied diseases and to educate the public on the social problem of multiple sclerosis. Its 20 local chapters located in eight provinces raise funds mainly for research but they also provide welfare services to patients in need of wheel chairs and other personal aids. Grants for eight research projects and fellowships, administered from the national office in Montreal, amounted to over \$46,000 in 1960.

The Canadian Association for Retarded Children.—The Association was incorporated in 1958 to assist and give co-ordinated direction to the work of a growing number of organizations for the mentally retarded, now represented by 10 provincial and some 175 local groups. Membership of the locals exceeds 11,000, most of whom are parents of mentally retarded children. The Association promotes the establishment of clinics, day schools, institutions, workshops, and recreational programs; it also supports and encourages research into the causes of mental deficiency. Increasing numbers of day classes offer training opportunities within the community for mentally retarded children who are not acceptable for regular school instruction. Financial support comes from local fund-raising campaigns, community chests and, in varying degrees, from provincial departments of education. A national office was opened in Toronto in 1959.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada.—This Association was organized in 1954 to stimulate and unify research efforts into the cause, nature and treatment of muscular dystrophy and related diseases and to promote the establishment of facilities for diagnostic, consultative and treatment services. Under the direction of a national office in Toronto supported by 19 local chapters, its chief activity is the support of basic and applied research projects in medical schools and other centres across the country. In addition to raising funds for research projects, local chapters provide various patient services including personal aids, appliances and transportation.

PART IV.—VETERANS SERVICES*

The Department of Veterans Affairs administers most of the legislation making up the Veterans Charter and provides administration facilities for the Canadian Pension Commission which administers the Pension Act and the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act; for the War Veterans Allowance Board which is responsible for the administration of the War Veterans Allowance Act; and for the Secretary-General (Canada) of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The main benefits now provided to veterans consist of medical treatment for those eligible to receive it, land settlement and home construction assistance, educational assistance for children of the war dead, veterans insurance, general welfare services, unused re-establishment credit, disability and widows' pensions, and war veterans allowances.

The work of the Department, excepting the administration of the Veterans' Land Act, is carried out through 17 district offices and five sub-district offices in Canada and one district office in England. There are eight Veterans' Land Act district offices and 32 regional offices established to administer the benefits of the Act.

Section 1.—Medical, Dental and Prosthetic Services

Medical Services.—The Department of Veterans Affairs, through its Treatment Services Branch, provides medical services for entitled veterans throughout Canada. Service is also provided for members of the Armed Forces, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and the wards of other governments or departments at the request and expense of the authorities concerned.

The primary responsibility of the Branch is to provide examination and treatment to disability pensioners for their pensionable disabilities. Other main groups of veterans receiving treatment are War Veterans Allowance recipients, veterans whose service and need make them eligible for domiciliary care, and veterans whose service and financial

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