

**St. John Ambulance Association.**—The Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem began as a local unit in Montreal in 1884 and was incorporated on a national basis in 1910. The organization is composed of two parts—the St. John Ambulance Association and the St. John Ambulance Brigade. The first is devoted to teaching first aid and home nursing and is used extensively by Civil Defence, Armed Forces, workmen's compensation and industrial personnel, and the latter to directing the emergency corps of trained personnel. The Brigade maintains first aid posts at large public gatherings and operates ambulance services in several provinces. Headquarters of the Association is in Ottawa, with provincial divisions in nine provinces controlling their own programs and financing the operation of their local branches.

**The Canadian Tuberculosis Association.**—Founded in 1900 to increase treatment facilities for tuberculosis patients, the Association's objective is the control and ultimate eradication of tuberculosis. The national office in Ottawa along with the ten provincial associations and 175 local branches co-operate with the public health agencies in promoting adequate facilities for prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation. The provincial associations assist in case-finding by means of mass X-ray and tuberculin testing surveys of specific areas and groups, and carry out extensive health education work; most associations also participate in follow-up and rehabilitation of ex-patients. Publication of educational materials and periodicals and organization of the annual Christmas Seal campaign, the principal source of funds, is centred in the national office, which makes its consultant services available to federal and provincial health departments.

**The National Cancer Institute of Canada.**—The National Cancer Institute, composed of persons representing professional societies and agencies concerned with cancer research and therapy, was founded in 1947 to develop a nationally co-ordinated research and professional education program. The Institute promotes fundamental research through selected projects in universities, hospitals and research centres, maintains a Canadian Tumour Registry, provides training fellowships and, in co-operation with the Canadian Medical Association and medical schools, promotes professional education on cancer topics. The Institute receives support from federal and provincial grants and from the Canadian Cancer Society; research work on lung cancer is being supported by the Canadian tobacco industry.

**The Canadian Hearing Society.**—Organized in 1940 as the National Society of the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing, the Society operates chiefly in Toronto and the surrounding area. It is concerned with the preservation of hearing, the treatment of deafness and the provision of rehabilitation services for those with impaired hearing, including war veterans and children. It provides otological examinations, counselling, vocational guidance and job placement services for the deaf or hard-of-hearing, and hearing aids to indigent persons.

**The Canadian Mental Health Association.**—Since its organization in 1918 as the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, the Association has initiated numerous measures to promote mental health and the best possible care of the mentally ill. Its program of public education, professional and lay training, services to the mentally ill, consultative services and research is carried out by the national office in Toronto, nine provincial divisions and 91 community branches. To develop public understanding of mental health principles, the Association sponsors discussion groups and prepares a variety of educational materials including films for the press, radio and television and for professional personnel. Services to mental patients have grown rapidly as branches have established information and referral centres in 36 communities, volunteer hospital visiting programs, White Cross rehabilitation centres and other personal services for patients and their families. Through various studies of mental health problems and the National Mental Health Research Fund, set up in 1957, the Association has stimulated new approaches to prevention and treatment in this field.