

Recreational Centres Act, the first of its kind in Canada. This Act enables groups of interested citizens to provide social and recreational centres for elderly residents of a community. The province will meet up to 30 p.c. of the cost of constructing or buying a building for such a centre if the local municipality contributes 20 p.c.

Institutions and boarding homes for the aged and infirm in Manitoba are supervised and licensed by the Department of Health and Public Welfare under public health legislation. Under the Elderly Persons Housing Act, the province makes construction grants to municipalities and charitable organizations equalling one third of the costs of constructing or acquiring and renovating housing accommodation and homes for the aged. Grants may not exceed \$1,400 for one-person housing units, \$1,667 for two-person housing units, \$1,200 per bed for new homes for the aged, and \$700 per bed for homes that have been renovated. Under the Social Allowances Act, 1959, the province bears the entire cost of assistance to those who, because of age or incapacity, require care for more than 90 days by another or in a home for the aged.

Aged and infirm persons in Saskatchewan are cared for in four provincial nursing homes and in voluntary homes for the aged. The latter are inspected and licensed under the Housing Act. This Act also empowers the province and municipalities to subscribe to the stock of limited-dividend housing companies building low-rental accommodation for older persons; the province may also make loans to municipalities to assist them in subscribing. Capital grants amounting to 20 p.c. of construction costs and maintenance grants of \$40 per bed per year may be made to municipalities, churches or charitable organizations sponsoring approved homes or housing projects. Costs of maintaining needy persons in homes for the aged are shared by the province and the municipalities under the Social Assistance Act.

Under what are termed 'master agreements', the Province of Alberta bears the cost of constructing and equipping homes for the aged and housing units on municipal land. Projects are operated by provincially incorporated foundations which include municipal councilmen in their membership; net costs of operation are borne by the municipalities. The province also meets up to 80 p.c. of the cost incurred by municipalities for the maintenance of elderly persons in housing projects and municipal or private homes. Private homes are municipally licensed.

The Province of British Columbia operates a home for elderly homeless men, a provincial infirmary for the chronically ill and, for senile and psychotic patients, three provincial homes for the aged. It also licenses and supervises homes for the aged and boarding homes and, where necessary, shares with the municipalities on a 90-10 basis the cost of maintaining needy residents. Under the Elderly Persons Housing Aid Act, the province makes grants amounting to one third of construction costs to municipalities and non-profit corporations, including religious and service organizations, engaged in building homes or low-rental housing units for elderly citizens.

Subsection 4.—Child Care and Protection

Child welfare services, which include child protection and care, services for unmarried parents and adoption services, are provided in all provinces under provincial legislation and are administered by a division of child welfare within the provincial department of welfare. The program may be administered by the provincial authority or the responsibility may be delegated to local children's aid societies, that is, to voluntary agencies with boards of directors, operating under charter and under the general supervision of provincial departments; in Quebec, child welfare services are administered by recognized voluntary agencies and institutions, religious and secular. In Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan and, to a large extent, in Alberta, they are administered by the province; in the larger urban centres of Alberta there is some delegation of authority to the municipality. In Ontario and New Brunswick, a network of local children's aid societies, operating under