

improvement; personnel and training; physical plant; costs and methods of financing; medical research; priorities; and "such other matters as the Commissioners deem appropriate".

The central recommendation was that "comprehensive, universal, provincial programmes of personal health services, with similar arrangements for the Yukon and Northwest Territories" be introduced, covering medical services, prescription drug services, prosthetic services and home care services, as well as optical and dental services for recipients of public assistance and for children, and dental services for expectant mothers. It was also recommended that a Health Facilities Development Fund be set up to expand the physical plant of Canada's health industry, and that Professional Training Grants be offered to increase the number of trained personnel available.

**Subsection 2.—National Health Grant Program**

The National Health Grant Program, inaugurated in 1948, makes federal grants available to the provinces for the developing and strengthening of public health and hospital services. Changes were made over the years to provide additional funds, increase flexibility and meet changing circumstances. Some of the headings under which grants had been made were merged or discontinued and new headings were added (see Table 1). During the year ended Mar. 31, 1965, the following Health Grants were in force: Hospital Construction, Mental Health, Tuberculosis Control, Cancer, Medical Rehabilitation and Crippled Children, Professional Training, Public Health Research, Child and Maternal Health, and General Public Health.

Up to Mar. 31, 1965, aid for hospital construction had been approved for 117,015 beds and 14,901 bassinets for patients, 22,555 beds for nurses, and 918 beds for interns. Approximately 42,000 health workers had been trained or were undergoing special training, and more than 7,000 health workers were employed, with Health Grant assistance. The amount expended in 1964-65 totalled \$56,699,708 or 86 p.c. of the total available; over the entire 17 years of the program, 79 p.c. of the available money had been actually spent.

**1.—Amounts Available and Amounts and Percentages Expended under the National Health Grant Program, by Grant, for the 17-year Period Ended Mar. 31, 1965 and for the Year Ended Mar. 31, 1965.**

Grant	1948-65 Period			Year Ended Mar. 31, 1965		
	Amount Available <sup>1</sup>	Amount Expended	Percentage Expended	Amount Available <sup>1</sup>	Amount Expended	Percentage Expended
	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Crippled Children <sup>2</sup> .....	6,207,728	4,431,677	71	—	—	—
Professional Training.....	15,554,573	14,364,320	92	2,176,229	1,933,446	89
Hospital Construction.....	238,678,896	216,323,305	91	26,994,404	21,512,346	80
Venereal Disease Control <sup>3</sup> .....	5,968,336	5,146,209	86	—	—	—
Mental Health.....	118,532,369	98,592,944	83	9,219,922	8,667,072	94
Tuberculosis Control.....	66,159,029	61,260,592	93	3,614,167	3,392,810	94
Public Health Research.....	14,216,048	12,071,895	85	1,889,600	1,647,674	87
Health Survey <sup>4</sup> .....	645,180	540,960	84	—	—	—
General Public Health.....	156,609,269	110,957,758	71	14,453,468	12,781,245	88
Cancer Control.....	60,335,567	43,824,956	73	3,269,914	2,890,943	88
Laboratory and Radiological Services <sup>5</sup> .....	47,404,300	14,450,881	30	—	—	—
Medical Rehabilitation <sup>6</sup> .....	6,500,000	3,016,750	46	—	—	—
Child and Maternal Health <sup>7</sup> .....	20,202,394	14,156,269	70	1,702,394	1,409,162	83
Medical Rehabilitation and Crippled Children <sup>8</sup> .....	13,610,695	8,673,078	64	2,910,695	2,465,006	85
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>770,624,386</b>	<b>607,811,598</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>66,230,795</b>	<b>56,699,708</b>	<b>86</b>

<sup>1</sup> As set out in the General Health Grant Rules. <sup>2</sup> Merged with Medical Rehabilitation Grant, Apr. 1, 1960. <sup>3</sup> Absorbed into General Public Health Grant, Apr. 1, 1960. <sup>4</sup> Lapsed in 1953. <sup>5</sup> Introduced in 1953 and absorbed into General Public Health Grant, Apr. 1, 1960. <sup>6</sup> Introduced in 1953 and merged with Crippled Children Grant, Apr. 1, 1960. <sup>7</sup> Introduced in 1953. <sup>8</sup> Introduced in 1960; see footnotes 2 and 6.