

support research and demonstration projects designed to expand knowledge and to apply that knowledge along with experience to mitigate the continuing growth in the burden of disability due to retardation.

Expenditures under the program for the year ended Mar. 31, 1967 totalled \$1,278,083, distributed as follows: research, \$171,503; bursaries, fellowships and scholarships, \$214,328; training, \$21,435; teaching and field instruction, \$379,900; staff development, \$37,490; national voluntary welfare agency projects, \$61,692; and welfare services and demonstration projects, \$391,735.

Subsection 8.—Vocational Rehabilitation

The federal-provincial vocational rehabilitation program, which began in 1952, was consolidated and extended under the Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act, 1961. Federal-provincial agreements under this Act provide for equal sharing of costs between the Federal Government and the provinces. These costs include co-ordination and provision of services to disabled or other vocationally disadvantaged individuals, training of rehabilitative personnel and research and publicity. Approved services, supplied by a provincial government or purchased from voluntary agencies by a provincial government, comprise medical, social and vocational assessment, counselling restorative services, the provision of prostheses, vocational training or educational upgrading, rehabilitation allowances, and tools, books and equipment. Vocational training has been arranged under the provisions of the Technical and Vocational Training Assistance Act, which provides for equal sharing by Canada and the provinces of the cost of training disabled persons. Employment placement is provided through Canada Manpower Centres of the Department of Manpower and Immigration.

In each participating province a provincial co-ordinator or director of rehabilitation is responsible for the co-ordination and administration of services to disabled or vocationally disadvantaged persons. The federal aspects of the program are administered by the Director of Vocational Rehabilitation of the federal Department of Manpower and Immigration. Liaison with the provinces is carried out from Ottawa and the vocational rehabilitation staff supplies specialist consultative services. It is planned that the federal responsibilities in this area will gradually be assumed by the five regional manpower offices of the Department's Canada Manpower Division. The Vocational Rehabilitation Branch, through its Section on Older Workers, also has the function of encouraging a more favourable employment climate for older workers through an educational program, encouragement of research, maintenance of liaison with employer and labour organizations and voluntary agencies in Canada, assembly and dissemination of informational material, and supportive services to the regional manpower offices. During 1966-67, there was a broader acceptance of the idea that vocational rehabilitative services, which had worked successfully for the physically or mentally disabled, could be applied with equal benefit to socially disadvantaged persons, such as older workers, parolees, ex-convicts, people with personal, attitudinal, emotional or family problems and those with significantly low educational levels or lacking in knowledge of the world of work.

Among other agencies contributing to vocational rehabilitation are the Workmen's Compensation Boards in all provinces which provide for the rehabilitation of injured workmen. The prosthetics services established for veterans are being extended to the general public through 12 prosthetic centres administered by the Department of National Health and Welfare.

In the year ended Mar. 31, 1967, federal-provincial expenditures under the vocational rehabilitation program (exclusive of vocational training) totalled \$2,050,083. Reports were received on 2,679 disabled or vocationally disadvantaged persons rehabilitated during the year. Before rehabilitation the cost of supporting these people and their dependants was an estimated annual amount of \$2,045,512; after rehabilitation the estimated annual earnings of those gainfully employed were \$7,084,755.