

subscriptions or from United Appeal funds. The cost of certain services and maintenance costs for children in care of a voluntary or public agency are sharable with the federal government under the Canada Assistance Plan.

Day nurseries for the children of working mothers are operated under either voluntary or public auspices. A number of provinces make capital grants for the establishment of day-care centres and provide operating subsidies.

### **6.5.3 Living accommodation for elderly persons**

In all provinces, homes for the aged and infirm are provided under provincial, municipal or voluntary auspices. These homes are required to meet standards set out in provincial legislation relating to homes for the aged, welfare institutions or public health. Homes for the aged, regardless of auspices, are usually inspected and, in some provinces, must be licensed. Small, proprietary boarding homes for the care of well, elderly persons are found in some provinces. Those who suffer from long-term illnesses may be cared for in chronic or convalescent hospitals, private or public nursing homes and some homes for the aged. Costs of care in the chronic or convalescent hospitals are paid for through the provincial hospital plans. In the case of needy persons in the so-called homes for special care, maintenance costs are shared on a federal-provincial basis under the Canada Assistance Plan. Homes for special care "include homes for the aged, hostels, lodges, nursing homes, etc." Various terms are used in the different provinces and within provinces. In varying degrees, all provinces make capital grants toward the construction or renovation of homes for the aged by municipalities or voluntary organizations and, generally speaking, such homes are exempt from municipal taxation. Some provinces also make provision for capital grants to municipalities, charitable organizations or non-profit corporations for the construction of low-rental, self-contained and/or congregate living accommodation (homes for the aged, hostels, etc.) for older people. Independent living units for the aged may also be included in low-rental public housing projects for families.

## **6.6 Public expenditures on social security and welfare**

Table 6.21 shows that public expenditures on social security and welfare programs reached \$7.0 billion in the fiscal year 1971-72 and \$8.6 billion a year later. In the former year this represented 7.3% of gross national expenditures, reaching 8.3% in 1972-73. Tables 6.11 to 6.20 show that most federal expenditures in this field went to income maintenance programs: Family Allowances, Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement, Unemployment Insurance, Veterans Pensions, and Canada Pension and Quebec Pension schemes. The Canada Assistance Plan and provincial welfare programs, as well as outlays on a variety of research and development, and special grants made up the remainder of the expenditures.

## **6.7 Veterans services**

The Department of Veterans Affairs administers most of the legislation known collectively as the Veterans Charter and also provides administrative facilities for the Canadian Pension Commission, which administers the Pension Act and Parts I to X of the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act; for the War Veterans Allowance Board, which administers the War Veterans Allowance Act and Part XI of the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act; and for the Secretary General (Canada) of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The principal benefits now available to veterans are medical treatment for those eligible, land settlement and home construction assistance, education assistance for the children of the war dead, general welfare services, disability and dependents pensions and war veterans allowances. The work of the Department, except the administration of the Veterans' Land Act, is carried out through 18 district offices and four sub-district offices in Canada; the benefits of the Veterans' Land Act are administered through five regional offices and 26 district offices across Canada.

### **6.7.1 Pensions and allowances**

#### **6.7.1.1 Disability and dependents pensions**

**Canadian Pension Commission.** The Canadian Pension Commission administers the Pension Act (RSC 1970, c.P-7) and Parts I to X of the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act (RSC 1970, c.C-20). Members are appointed by the Governor in Council who may also impose upon the Commission duties in respect of any grants in the nature of pensions, etc.,