

CHAPTER VI.—PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY*

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Canada's growth in the past eighteen years has created many new problems in the planning of health and welfare services. Population has increased by one half in this period. General prosperity, growing urbanization and industrialization, larger numbers of children and old persons in the population, and new concepts and knowledge in health and welfare matters have all contributed to needs for additional services and to a greater interdependence among the different health and welfare professions.

During 1962, the Royal Commission on Health Services continued its investigation into the existing health facilities and the future needs for health services for the people of Canada; its report is expected to be made during the summer of 1963. The nation's attention was attracted to health problems by two major events during the year. The tragic

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