

aspects of the program, and to the provinces to develop and extend community effort. In addition, federal co-ordinating and developmental work is carried on by the department which works in close co-operation with other federal agencies concerned with different aspects of fitness and amateur sport.

A 30-member National Advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport was appointed in 1962 and, in addition, a federal-provincial committee, at the deputy minister level, is concerned with the federal-provincial aspects of the program. Through these two groups the Minister of National Health and Welfare is advised, both from the point of view of the private citizens of Canada and from that of the governments directly concerned with the program. Specialist committees of experts advise on technical aspects of the program as required.

One of the main tasks to be undertaken under the new program is the building up of training courses for leaders, coaches and other professional personnel at the community level. The new Act bolsters and enlarges the emphasis already being given to this work by programs in operation in a number of provinces. Awards of scholarships, fellowships and bursaries will assist persons in undertaking professional studies in physical education, recreation and the medical aspects of fitness, which should do much to overcome acute shortages of trained personnel.

The Act provides for aid to research on aspects of physical performance, such as the effects of activity on different age groups and the effects of different kinds of activity on physical development. Surveys of resources, of facilities and of personnel may also be assisted. The urgent need for new and greatly expanded informational material for both the expert and the public has long been recognized; through the new program, instructional material suitable to Canadian needs can be developed with the co-operative efforts of experts from across Canada.

Provision is made for recognition of achievement in fitness and amateur sport activities through awards or citations. Also, the promotion and development of participation in national and international sport competitions will be assisted. Because of the ease with which it could be implemented, this aspect of the Act could receive early attention. In view of the high costs involved and the practically unlimited demand for new sports and recreational facilities, this type of assistance is restricted to the construction of national or provincial training centres serving large areas. The major vehicle for federal aid to construction of local sports and recreational facilities is the municipal winter works program administered by the Department of Labour.

The groundwork of the program was laid during the first year of operation when \$230,000 was expended on grants to organizations. During the second year, expenditure amounted to \$1,000,000 on projects which included research, scholarships, bursaries and fellowships, educational and information services, grants to the provinces for the development of services at the community level and grants to national agencies to assist international and national competition and for organizational and instructional purposes.

Subsection 6.—National Welfare Grant Program

In November 1962, the Federal Government established a national welfare grant program consisting of general welfare and professional training grants and welfare research grants; an amount of \$250,000 was allocated for the first fiscal year (1962-63) of its operation. The program provides funds for demonstration and other projects designed to improve welfare administration, to develop provincial consultative and co-ordinating services, and to strengthen and extend public and voluntary welfare services in child welfare, aging, general assistance and other welfare fields. Costs are shared by the federal and provincial governments.

Also on a cost-sharing basis, funds are available for bursaries for graduate study at Canadian Schools of Social Work to students who have just completed their undergraduate studies, to persons who have left employment in welfare and related fields to start or