

The Physical Fitness Division publishes and distributes information relevant to physical education, news from abroad, new ideas, and all aspects of the entire program of physical fitness. Films, dealing with various aspects of the work, are sent out and widely used.

Subsection 2.—Public Health Activities of the Provincial Governments

Prince Edward Island.—During the session of the Legislature in March, 1946, the Department of Public Welfare, which administered both Health and Welfare, was reorganized under the title of "Health and Welfare" with one Minister responsible for both Divisions. The Health Division is under the supervision of the Chief Health Officer, who superintends the work of the Central Division including the Provincial Laboratory, and the Nursing and Sanitary Division. The Province is divided into five Districts: a public-health nurse is assigned to each District and is responsible for the inspection of school children, home visiting, home-nursing classes, immunizing clinics, etc. One nurse specially trained in venereal disease and another specially trained in tuberculosis have the entire Province as their field of operation.

The Provincial Laboratory which, until recently, has been engaged entirely on Bacteriology, has been enlarged, with the assistance of the Health Division of the Rockefeller Foundation, to include Pathology. A fully trained Laboratory Director was engaged on Jan. 1, 1946, and the Laboratory with its competent staff, will be of great assistance to the practising physicians of the Province.

The compilation of the vital statistics of the Province is now handled by the Welfare Division and all births, deaths and marriage certificates are micro-filmed for the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

The Provincial Government operates a Provincial Sanatorium of 145-bed capacity under a Board of Commissioners and an annual grant is made to assist ex-sanatorium patients when required and to help other indigent tubercular persons awaiting admission and their families. Field work, in regard to tuberculosis, is a public health responsibility and clinics are held periodically at central points in the Province. The Prince Edward Island Tuberculosis League, a voluntary organization supported by the sale of Christmas Tuberculosis Seals, works in close co-operation with the Provincial Sanatorium and Health Division. This organization purchased a mobile X-ray unit in 1945 and is actively engaged in conducting a mass voluntary chest survey of the Province.

Provision for annual grants is made to the general hospitals which, in turn, accept as free patients all indigent persons requiring hospital treatment; the expenses for the operation of a hospital for the insane are borne practically in full by the Provincial Government.

The Department of Health operates two venereal-disease clinics, one at Charlottetown and the other at Summerside. Hospital beds are provided for selected cases and penicillin treatment is being widely administered with good results. All necessary medication is supplied free of charge to persons who are not within reach of public-health clinics.

Nova Scotia.—In the year 1934 a survey of the Nova Scotia Provincial Health Department was made through the courtesy of the International Health Division of the Rockefeller Foundation. A report with recommendations was submitted in 1935. In line with these recommendations an experimental health unit or division,