

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

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*NOTE.—The interpretation of the symbols used in the tables throughout the Year Book will be found facing p. 1 of this volume.*

A special article on the development of public health, welfare and social security in Canada appears in the 1952-53 Year Book, pp. 224-229. That article outlines the evolution of provincial and municipal administration, the development of federal responsibility, and governmental expenditure in the fields of health, welfare and social security. The special article in the current edition deals in detail with one aspect of federal health activity—the National Health Grant Program.

### THE NATIONAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM\*

The National Health Grant Program, launched in 1948 with the announcement by the Prime Minister of ten specific health grants, entered its second five-year period in May 1953 with the addition of three new grants† designed to bring about major advances in the fields of child and maternal health, rehabilitation, and laboratory and radiological services.

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† Beginning in 1953-54, there are a total of twelve grants under the Program owing to the non-recurring nature of the Health Survey Grant.