

Laboratory services, including bacteriological and other examinations and milk and water analyses, have been improved and extended through the work of the Provincial Central Laboratory at Halifax and branch laboratories at Sydney and Kentville. Laboratory tests and field investigations are also conducted by the Section of Industrial Hygiene in the Division of Laboratories. Streptomycin for tuberculosis and penicillin for venereal disease cases are provided free.

Three mobile dental clinics provide treatment for children in rural areas; field psychiatrists provide mental guidance and consultant services in two regions and mobile chest X-ray units provide diagnostic services for tuberculosis. At the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, the Province operates an in-patient and out-patient psychiatric service, a cancer clinic and a Kenny treatment clinic for poliomyelitis.

Five provincially owned hospitals are operated under the direction of the Department—Victoria General Hospital, the Nova Scotia Hospital for mental illness, and three tuberculosis sanatoria. All treatment for tuberculosis and treatment for mental illness in the Nova Scotia Hospital is given without charge. All approved general hospitals receive a provincial per diem subsidy for each patient.

Recipients of blind persons' allowances and mothers' allowances are eligible for limited medical services from the Medical Society of Nova Scotia, including physician's care in the home and office but excluding hospital attendances, surgery, and medical aids or appliances. Under the Hospital Act of Nova Scotia, persons in any of the public-assistance categories as well as other indigents are entitled to receive hospitalization as a municipal responsibility.

New Brunswick.—The Health Branch of the Department of Health and Social Services includes the following Divisions: Hospital Services and Cancer Diagnostic Clinics, Laboratories, Public Health Nursing, Communicable and Venereal Disease Control, Tuberculosis Control, Maternal and Child Health, Dental Health, Mental Health, and Sanitary Engineering.

Medical health officers and most public health nurses are employed by the Province while other local health services are provided through 16 local sub-districts, each corresponding to a county and each having a board of health composed of members appointed by municipal councils. Responsibility for the various local public health functions is divided between the Province and the boards of health. Usually, from three to five sub-districts are serviced by a district medical health officer assisted by public health nurses. In some cases, locally administered nursing services are subsidized by the Province.

Pathological, bacteriological, serological and chemical tests are provided by the Provincial Laboratories at Saint John and Fredericton which also supervise the distribution of vaccines, sera and bacteriologicals, including free immunizing agents, drugs for the treatment of venereal diseases and insulin for indigent diabetics. A Mobile Hygiene Laboratory conducts milk and water analyses during the summer months.

Free X-ray and diagnostic services for tuberculosis are provided at eight clinics in larger centres and physicians' fees are paid for pneumothorax treatments for convalescent tuberculous patients. The Health Department supervises and provides free treatment and care in three privately operated and two provincially owned sanatoria. Ten cancer diagnostic clinics provide free diagnosis and free tissue-examination service. X-ray and radium treatments are provided without