

charge in four of the larger hospitals to patients who come under the supervision of the cancer clinics. Acute and immediate post-paralytic cases of poliomyelitis also receive free hospital treatment and grants are made to the Junior Red Cross to provide free treatment for other crippling conditions in children.

A mental health program includes the operation of three preventive and diagnostic clinics and provides special psychiatric training for teachers on regular school staffs in the larger centres. Hospitalization for mental illness is available at the Provincial Mental Hospital at Saint John.

Provincial per diem grants are paid, on behalf of all patients, to approved hospitals.

**Quebec.**—The Ministry of Health maintains the following Divisions: County Health Units, Sanitary Engineering, Epidemiology, Laboratories, Demography, Hospitals for Mental Diseases, Public Charities, Industrial Hygiene, Nutrition, Venereal Disease, Tuberculosis, Health Education, and Medical Services to Settlers.

The Division of County Health Units supplies services through 67 county and multi-county health units covering more than 60 p.c. of the population of the Province. The maintenance and operation of these units, each with a full-time medical health officer assisted by public health nurses and sanitary inspectors, is the responsibility of the Ministry of Health, with small local financial contributions. In addition, full-time health departments operated by the larger cities serve more than one-third of the provincial population. Drugs supplied by the Provincial Department to physicians and health units include vaccines, sera, streptomycin for sanatoria patients and penicillin for venereal disease. Laboratory services, including bacteriological and other analyses, are available to physicians and health units at the Central Laboratory, Montreal. Assistance is given to agencies operating clinics or dispensaries for prevention, case-finding and treatment of tuberculosis. The Department pioneered with the initiation in 1949 of BCG immunization against tuberculosis administered to new-born infants in hospitals and available to children generally through the health units.

The Department operates public mental institutions and supervises tuberculosis sanatoria which are operated chiefly under private and religious auspices and in which the majority of patients receive care without charge.

The Medical Services to Settlers Division provides free nursing and physician services to residents of isolated areas. The staff consists of salaried nurses and part-time physicians paid on a fee-for-service basis. Services given include obstetrical care, examinations, vaccinations and immunizations, and emergency medical care.

No specially organized program of medical care exists for public assistance recipients in Quebec, although free care to indigents is available from a variety of dispensaries, clinics and other charitable agencies. Under the provisions of the Public Charities Act, free public hospital care is provided to persons unable to pay, with about 50 p.c. of the cost assumed by the Province, 15 p.c. by the responsible municipality and the remainder by the recognized agency providing the service.

**Ontario.**—The Department of Health carries on public health services through the following Divisions: Public Health Administration, Public Health Nursing, Maternal and Child Hygiene, Dental Services, Epidemiology, Venereal Disease Control, Tuberculosis Prevention, Industrial Hygiene, Laboratories, Medical Statistics, Mental Hygiene and Ontario Hospitals, Nurses' Registration, Public and Private Hospitals, and Sanitary Engineering.