

Subsection 2.—Provincial Welfare Services

The care and protection of neglected and dependent children, care of the aged, social assistance or relief, and other special services outlined in the following summary are governed by provincial legislation, although in many areas responsibility for services rests with municipal or voluntary organizations. While the programs and the methods of financing vary considerably, most provinces share the costs of some or all of the municipal services in organized areas and assume the total cost in unorganized territories. The medical services available to social assistance recipients are described at pp. 225-234. Mothers' allowances are dealt with separately at pp. 254-255, old age assistance at pp. 249-250, and allowances for the blind at pp. 251-252.

Newfoundland.—Provincial welfare services are administered by the Department of Public Welfare through a number of regional welfare centres.

Child Care and Protection.—Child welfare has developed largely as a public service and is administered by the Child Welfare Division. Neglected children, made wards of the Director, are placed in foster or adoptive homes or in institutions. The Department pays for the maintenance of wards, grants subsidies for children admitted to orphanages administered by religious organizations, and contributes towards the cost of educating blind and deaf-mute children in institutions at Halifax, N.S., and Montreal, Que. The Division operates an Infants' Home providing short-term care.

In 1953, a Division of Corrections was established to deal with both juvenile delinquents and adult offenders and, for the present, to administer correctional institutions for boys and girls. The Corrections Act, 1953, provides for the establishment of a Youth Guidance Authority, an Adult Guidance Authority and classification centres.

Care of the Aged.—The Province maintains a Home for the Aged and Infirm at St. John's and also pays a per diem rate for needy old people in the Salvation Army Home and in approved boarding homes.

Social Assistance.—Under the Dependents' Allowances Act, the Province grants assistance to needy unemployables not eligible for other forms of statutory assistance. Aid for certain needy able-bodied persons is provided under the Health and Public Welfare Act.

Prince Edward Island.—The Department of Health and Welfare is responsible for the administration of provincial welfare services.

Child Care and Protection.—Under the Children's Protection Act, neglected or delinquent children may be placed under the guardianship of the Director of Child Welfare or an approved child welfare agency. The children are placed in foster or adoptive homes, boarding homes or children's institutions under the inspection of the Director. Provincial grants are made to child welfare agencies and to the two private orphanages, one Protestant and one Roman Catholic. Juvenile Courts are under the Attorney General's Department, and juvenile delinquents are cared for at the expense of the Department of Health and Welfare in correctional institutions of the neighbouring provinces.

Care of the Aged.—The aged and infirm are cared for in Falconwood Mental Hospital and in two provincial infirmaries.