

Child Care and Protection.—Child protection legislation is administered by the Child Welfare Branch which supervises the local Children's Aid Societies to which responsibility for the care and protection of neglected and dependent children is delegated. Annual provincial grants to these Societies include token grants based upon the quality and level of services provided in addition to grants equal to 25 p.c. of the amounts raised through voluntary effort. The Province also reimburses the municipalities of residence in amounts not exceeding 25 p.c. of the net cost of maintaining children made wards of Children's Aid Societies. Children's institutions and day nurseries are supervised by the Day Nurseries Branch and must be licensed. The Province makes small per diem grants to non-profit-making charitable institutions and pays one-half of the operating and maintenance costs of municipal day nurseries. Juvenile Courts are under the Attorney-General's Department, while training schools for juvenile offenders are operated by the Department of Reform Institutions.

Care of the Aged.—Municipalities are required by law to provide institutional care for the aged, with the Province contributing 50 p.c. of the net operating and maintenance costs and 50 p.c. of the costs of approved new construction or approved additions and extensions. Both public and private institutions are subject to provincial regulations and inspection and, under certain circumstances, charitable institutions may receive a small per diem grant for each person maintained. Grants are made available to limited-dividend housing corporations to assist in the construction and equipment of low-rental housing projects for elderly persons.

Social Assistance.—Under the Unemployment Relief Act, the Province reimburses municipalities, up to a prescribed maximum, for 50 p.c. of their expenditures on relief to needy unemployables and on incapacitation allowances and rehabilitative measures for single, needy, handicapped residents. In unorganized areas the program is administered and financed by the Department. The Soldiers' Aid Commission extends emergency assistance and advice to former service men and their families. Assistance of up to \$40 per month is granted to permanently and totally disabled persons under the Disabled Persons' Allowances Act.

Manitoba.—The Public Welfare Division of the Department of Health and Public Welfare is generally responsible for provincial welfare services.

Child Care and Protection.—The Director of Public Welfare administers the child-welfare legislation. Included in this administration is the supervision of Children's Aid Societies and of child-caring institutions. The Provincial Public Welfare Division carries on these services directly through a decentralized program of district offices in a large area of the Province. In the remainder of the Province, the Director supervises the four non-denominational Children's Aid Societies in their respective territories. Neglected children may be made wards of the Director of Public Welfare or of a Children's Aid Society. Municipalities are responsible for the maintenance of wards but the Province reimburses them for a portion of these costs from the \$500,000 annual fund distributed among the municipalities in proportion to their relief and child-welfare expenditures. Under agreements between the Province and the Children's Aid Societies, payment of annual provincial grants is conditional on the provision of a basic level of service and the collection of equivalent voluntary contributions; payments are made in accordance with a formula based on the number and cost of social workers per 100,000 population in a representative area where the Division directly administers child-welfare services.