

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. A special article dealing in detail with the National Health Grant Program appears at pp. 215-223 of the 1954 edition. For net general and capital expenditures on health and welfare and total spent, by level of governments, for the years 1947-53 see chart on the following page.

PART I.—PUBLIC HEALTH*

The planning, supervising and financing of public health and medical care services in Canada rest mainly with the provinces though the actual administration of services is conducted, in most provinces, by municipal and other local authorities. The Federal Government provides consultative and specialist services, assists in the financing of provincial health activities through the National Health Grant Program, and also maintains services for special groups such as veterans and Indians. The functions of the Federal Government are described in Section 1, provincial and municipal health activities are reviewed in Section 2, and hospital statistics are given in Section 4.

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