

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. Under the Disabled Persons' Allowances Act, assistance of up to \$40 per month is granted to permanently and totally disabled persons.

Manitoba.—The Public Welfare Division of the Department of Health and Public Welfare is responsible generally 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.

The Division provides foster-home care and supervision for mental defectives placed in the custody of the Director of Public Welfare and, with the Division of Psychiatry, operates a home for mentally defective girls. The Attorney-General's Department is responsible for Juvenile Courts and operates a boys' home and a girls' home for delinquents.

Care of the Aged.—Institutions and nursing homes for the aged and infirm are supervised and licensed by the Department under public health legislation.

Social Assistance.—Municipalities are responsible for assistance to needy residents, but these expenses, as well as ward maintenance costs, are partly reimbursed by the Province from the \$500,000 annual social assistance fund which is allocated on a *pro rata* basis. In addition, whenever the costs of social assistance and ward maintenance to any municipality exceed in a year a sum equivalent to four mills of the equalized assessment of such municipality, the Province reimburses 60 p.c. of the excess. The Province is responsible for aid to persons without municipal residence as well as for general assistance in unorganized territory.