

A Federal Civil Defence Training School was started in January 1951, at which courses were given for organizers, general and rescue instructors, and radiological monitors. In March 1954, this school, renamed the Canadian Civil Defence College, was set up in permanent location at Arnprior, Ont., and courses have been continued and expanded into such fields as tactics, emergency feeding and accommodation, technical reconnaissance, and disaster studies. A number of specialist courses have been conducted across the country by the Health Planning Group.

Up to the end of July 1954, 4,929 persons had received training in one or other of these various fields. First Aid training for civil defence workers is undertaken by the St. John Ambulance Association, under an agreement between the Federal Government and the Association whereby the Government pays a per capita grant. Other agreements for co-operation are in force between the Federal Government and the Canadian Red Cross Society, the Canadian Legion and the Boy Scouts Association.

A Financial Assistance Program is in operation which provides each province with a quota of moneys based on population and vulnerability in which 50 p.c. of the cost is contributed by the Federal Government to approved projects shared between a municipality and a province. A minimum of 25 p.c. is contributed direct to a municipality for a similar project in which the provincial government does not share. Also, the Federal Government has offered to bear one-third of the cost of standardizing fire-hose couplings. To date, the Provinces of Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia have accepted the offer and are proceeding with a standardization program. Large quantities of training equipment including rescue and fire-fighting vehicles have been provided by the Federal Government to the provinces in order to foster their training programs. Draft agreements have also been forwarded to all provinces, on an equal basis, in paying workmen's compensation, where necessary, to a civil defence worker; an agreement to this effect has been signed with the Provinces of Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta.

Up to the end of March 1954, 19 civil defence manuals were published by the Federal Civil Defence authorities to assist in the organization, training and general education of civil defence personnel, and nine others were in preparation. In addition to these a considerable amount of guiding literature was issued to assist provincial and local governments.

Each province has developed its own civil defence organization, patterned on that of the Federal Government. Certain provinces have conducted civil defence training courses, similar to those of the Federal Government, with the object of training local instructors and key personnel.

Many of the main centres of population have made considerable advances in organization and training. An estimated 162,000 civil defence workers for the whole of Canada were reported on strength as at Mar. 31, 1954.

In 1951, an agreement was made between Canada and the United States whereby each country pledged itself to go to the assistance of the other in the event of attack and a United States-Canada Civil Defence Committee was set up. A number of working groups were also formed to carry out specific tasks in the development of ways and means of carrying out this agreement. The Provinces of Canada, too, have discussed with adjoining States of the United States the working out of their mutual problems. Close liaison is maintained with the United Kingdom and other NATO countries.