

Prince Edward Island.—The Health Branch of the Department of Health and Welfare includes Divisions of Public Health Nursing, Nutrition, Sanitary Engineering, Dental Health, Laboratories, Venereal Disease Control, Cancer Control, Tuberculosis Control, Mental Health and Vital Statistics.

Generalized public health nursing services are conducted by four district nurses and sanitary services are provided by three inspectors under the direction of a public health engineer. Free dental treatment is available for needy children at permanent clinics in Charlottetown and Summerside and for children in Grade I classes in rural areas through two mobile units. Branch laboratories in seven of the larger hospitals operate under the supervision of the Central Laboratory at Charlottetown. A provincial venereal disease clinic is also operated at Charlottetown.

Free diagnostic services for tuberculosis are made available through two stationary clinics and a mobile unit is operated by the Tuberculosis League. At the Provincial Sanatorium at Charlottetown treatment services, though not unqualifiedly free, are heavily subsidized by the Province; rehabilitation training and employment-placement services are provided. The Sanatorium contains a special treatment unit for poliomyelitis patients with residual paralysis; the Province pays the full cost of treatment as well as 50 p.c. of the cost of hospital care and special nursing services in general hospitals for patients in the acute stage of the disease.

Free diagnostic services for cancer are given at a clinic located at Charlottetown. Hospitalization for diagnosis is provided without charge for a period of three days for indigent cancer patients. A mental health diagnostic clinic and a speech therapy service for school children with speech and hearing impairments are operated at Charlottetown.

Per diem grants are made to general hospitals for all patients and the Province also defrays the cost of operating the Falconwood Mental Hospital and the Provincial Infirmary.

Nova Scotia.—The principal Divisions of the Department of Public Health are Laboratories, Neuropsychiatry, Hospitals, Vital Statistics, Dental Services, Nutrition, Nursing Service, Environmental Hygiene, Child and Maternal Health and Communicable Disease Control. In addition a provincial program of generalized public health services is administered through eight local health divisions, each staffed by public health nurses and sanitary inspectors under the supervision of a full time divisional medical health officer. The City of Halifax operates its own Health Department.

Laboratory services including bacteriological, pathological and other examinations and milk and water analyses, have been improved and extended through the work of the Provincial Central Laboratory at Halifax and branch laboratories at Sydney and Kentville. Laboratory test and field investigations are also conducted by the Division of Environmental Hygiene.

Field services for the detection of tuberculosis and venereal disease are mainly provided through the local health divisions. The Department also maintains two clinics for the free treatment of venereal disease, and conducts mass tuberculosis X-ray surveys and rehabilitation services in co-operation with the Nova Scotia Tuberculosis Association. Free treatment for tuberculosis is provided in three provincial sanatoria and the municipal sanatorium at Halifax.

Institutional facilities for mental patients include an active treatment mental hospital and a training school for mental defectives, both provincially operated, and 17 county homes administered by local government authorities. Mental health clinics are in operation at Sydney and Halifax, and inpatient and outpatient psychiatric services are provided at the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax.

Three provincial mobile dental clinics provide treatment for children in rural areas. A cancer clinic and a treatment clinic for poliomyelitis form part of the service at the provincially owned Victoria General Hospital; branch poliomyelitis clinics have been established at Sydney and Antigonish. All approved general hospitals receive a provincial per diem subsidy for each patient.