

Social Assistance.—Assistance is given under the Public Charities Act, usually in the form of institutional care. The Department of Colonization operates a program whereby families in need are settled on the land in newly opened districts and granted financial aid until they become self-supporting. In these areas a disability pension scheme is linked to a program of free medical services.

Ontario.—Provincial welfare services are administered by the Department of Public Welfare. The Province is divided into 17 welfare districts each in charge of a supervisor.

Child Care and Protection.—Three major child welfare Acts were amended and consolidated in a single new Child Welfare Act in 1954. The Act 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 in addition to grants equal to 25 p.c. of the amounts raised through voluntary effort. In addition the Province 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. The Province also reimburses a municipality to the same extent where the latter has made payments under an agreement with a Children's Aid Society for the temporary care and shelter of non-wards. Children's institutions are governed by provisions of the Charitable Institutions Act and day nurseries by the Day Nurseries Act. The Province makes per diem grants for children in 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.—Under the Homes for the Aged Act municipalities must provide institutional or boarding home care for the aged. The Province contributes 50 p.c. of the cost of constructing approved homes or of approved additions and extensions and 50 p.c. of their net operating and maintenance costs. It also pays 50 p.c. of the cost of maintenance in approved boarding homes up to \$30 per month. Private homes for the aged are licensed, inspected and assisted under the Charitable Institutions Act which provides for grants in aid of construction equalling \$1,000 per bed and also small per diem payments on behalf of residents. The Elderly Persons Housing Aid Act provides for grants to limited-dividend housing corporations building low-rental housing 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 ex-servicemen and their families. For several years Ontario provided pensions for needy disabled persons; since Jan. 1, 1955 the Province has participated in the new federal-provincial scheme for the totally and permanently disabled (see pp. 287-288).

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 care institutions. The Provincial Public Welfare Division provides child welfare 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