

and for the provision of other classes of hospital staff. A particularly interesting experiment is being carried out in Windsor, Ontario, at the present time, under which it is hoped to develop a training program which will produce a fully qualified nurse at the end of a two-year period. Special attention is also being given to the training of nurses' aides in some provinces.

It is also hoped that through the funds being made available to the provinces through this grant some method will be found for the pooling of resources, so that two or more provinces may unite in the financing or developing of common training programs to supply specific needs in different fields.

While the grant would be inadequate to provide for all training required by the provinces, the training of personnel for work in mental health, cancer, tuberculosis and other fields covered by special grants may be financed through these grants. The Professional Training Grant, like the Public Health and Public Health Research Grants, is intended in part to meet residual needs not specifically provided for in other ways.

#### Public Health Research

The Public Health Research Grant is intended for the stimulation and development of public health research. The grant is limited to \$100,000 for the current fiscal year but will increase by an additional \$100,000 annually, until it reaches a maximum of \$500,000. For the first year at least it will be administered as a separately operated fund of the Department of National Health and Welfare, to be expended on projects requested by the provinces and recommended by the Dominion Council of Health.

As with the Professional Training Grant, two or more provinces may combine in a research project or in subsidizing research. Expenditure for research in fields covered by other grants may also be charged against those grants.

The Public Health Research Grant is in addition to the amounts already being made available for pure medical research through the National Research Council, which appropriates some \$300,000 annually for this purpose. The Grant will be used in a somewhat more flexible manner, for projects which seem promising but which for one reason or another may not come within the terms of reference of the Medical Research Committee of the National Research Council. Attention will be concentrated primarily on public health investigation as contrasted to medical research in the narrower sense, close co-operation being maintained with the National Research Council as well as with the National Cancer Institute, The Canadian Rheumatism and Arthritis Society, the provincial, university and hospital research departments and laboratories, and with other research foundations and organizations engaged in public health research.

#### Hospital Construction

The \$13,000,000 Hospital Construction Grant is designed to remove the estimated shortage of more than 60,000 hospital beds in Canada, and emphasizes proper geographical distribution and allocation

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