

years or more and resided for at least the previous 12 months in province.

- (f) Premium exemption for basic (and for optional) coverage if member of a premium unit is 65 years or more. Eligibility for hospital insurance depends on medical-care insurance status.
- (g) The legislation providing for health-program financing has set the contribution of an individual at 1.5% of his net income for the year, to a maximum of \$235 for salaried employees and \$375 for self-employed persons. This individual contribution must not reduce net income to a figure below either \$5,957 or \$3,931, depending on whether the individual is married or single. The employer's contribution is set at 1.5% of an employee's salary. (Individual contributions ceased July 1, 1978, with effect retroactively to January 1, 1978.) Eight-fifteenths of the contributions thus collected are remitted to the Quebec Health Insurance Board and the remaining seven-fifteenths are turned over to the hospital-services fund, which is used exclusively for the financing of hospital services in Quebec. (The method of financing has been changed in 1978.)