

Commencing in 1938, \$50,000 was again voted annually for the distribution of arsenical preparations. In 1943 this amount was increased by an additional \$175,000. The basis on which the grant was distributed was amended by Order-in-Council in 1945 to provide each province with a straight \$4,000, with the remainder being apportioned on the basis of population, 85 per cent being allocated in cash and the remainder in educational and other material. The new grant allows for substantial increases in the programs begun and maintained with the help of this grant.

Crippled Children

The Crippled Children's Grant of \$500,000 is intended to assist the provinces in the development of programs for the prevention and correction of crippling conditions in children, and for the rehabilitation and training of crippled children.

Much work remains to be done in this field. The Canadian Council for Crippled Children, the Ontario and Quebec Societies for Crippled Children, the Junior Red Cross and the service clubs of Canada have all performed valuable services, there are hospitals for crippled children in most of the principal cities and some provinces have directed particular attention to poliomyelitis. But no well-rounded program has yet been developed under provincial auspices. As a result of the increased assistance now being made available through federal funds it is anticipated that all provinces should be able to develop programs on a broad and comprehensive basis instead of, as in the past, confining themselves to one or two specific diseases or to particular areas.

In the development of the program close attention is being given to all aspects of this type of work in both Great Britain and the United States. As plans develop it is hoped to draw upon the experience of the Children's Bureau of the Federal Security Agency whose co-operation and experience have proven invaluable to Canadian efforts in this field.

Professional Training

The Professional Training Grant is intended to assist the provinces in the recruitment and training of the additional health personnel required to meet both existing shortages and those that will develop as the program develops. Because of the urgent nature of these personnel problems the amount made available annually under the grant has been set at \$500,000, or twice the sum included in the 1945 Proposals.

Shortages of public health personnel of all kinds are as acute in Canada as in the United States. More public health doctors, public health nurses, sanitary engineers, inspectors, public health dentists and dental hygienists, trained mental health personnel, together with all other types of public health staff, are urgently required. The shortage of nurses is a very serious problem which will undoubtedly become more acute as the hospital construction program progresses. It is anticipated that a substantial portion of the grant will be required to increase the existing number of trained nurses, and it is hoped particularly that the provinces will utilize the grants not merely for the recruitment and training of nurses in accordance with traditional methods but also to explore new methods of nurse training

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