

An enormous amount of time and energy is devoted to community activity. Hundreds of thousands belong to the various service organizations and fraternal societies which meet regularly and engage in projects for raising funds for charitable purposes. One-third of all the wage earners and salaried workers in Canada belong to labour unions. Hundreds of thousands more belong to professional societies, civic associations, religious lay groups and various other private clubs connected with their vocation, their hobbies, their community or their church. There are, for instance 300,000 parents of school-age children who are members of the parent-teacher movement to promote better understanding between home and school.

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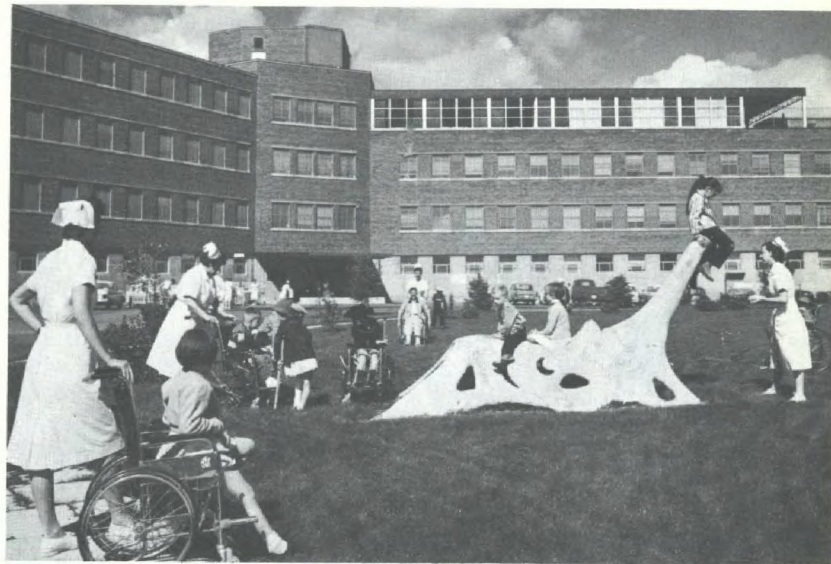
Social Benefits

Canadians today are healthier than at any period in their history and this is, no doubt, partly the result of a wide variety of provincial and federal social benefits. The nation has the fourth lowest death rate in the world and the sixth highest birth rate of the more-developed countries of the world. In half a century the life expectancy for men has increased from 48 to 68 years and for women from 51 to 73 years.

Government social legislation is supplemented in two ways; by more than 500 privately-supported charitable institutions, and by private

1. Picnic areas are increasingly popular
2. Canadian hospitals provide skilled nursing
3. Playground for children at modern Canadian hospital

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