

for the provision of general health services, six preventive measures are recommended for which it is proposed the Dominion Government would make direct grants to the provinces:

1. Provision of free treatment for all persons suffering from tuberculosis, including the construction of additional buildings and bed accommodation.
2. Provision of free treatment for persons suffering from mental illness and the care of mental defectives, including buildings and accommodation.
3. Provision of preventive and free treatment for persons suffering from venereal diseases.
4. Provision of training facilities in public health work for physicians, engineers, nurses and sanitary inspectors.
5. Undertaking of special investigations concerning public health or public health measures.
6. Establishing and undertaking of a program of physical fitness development for youth.

The estimated total cost of the health insurance scheme, based on the population of 1938, the last complete, non-war year, would be approximately \$256,186,000. A true estimate of cost cannot be made until the provinces have studied the problem and have determined the number of persons who will be included. The distribution of the costs is as follows, based on the average contribution of each adult as \$26 a year (50¢ a week):

<u>Contributors</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Per Cent</u>
Employees	\$63,542,000	24.8
Employers	24,172,000	9.4
Assessed contributors	37,036,000	<u>14.5</u>
		48.7
Public Treasury (including \$23,290,000 for administration)	<u>131,436,000</u>	<u>51.3</u>
TOTAL	\$256,186,000	100.0

The grand total of public health grants to the provinces by the Dominion Government for health services over and above the federal assistance to the health insurance program itself would be \$6,527,167.

As Health Insurance as laid down in the draft Bill will require legislation by both the Dominion and Provincial Parliaments, and probably will take about two years to be brought into operation, a National Fitness Bill has been drafted, with the recommendation that a physical fitness program be organized immediately. Its object is to promote the physical fitness of the people of Canada through the extension of physical education in schools, universities and other institutions, including industrial establishments. The bill provides for a national council of physical fitness, consisting of a full-time director and nine members, one representing each province, and a national fitness fund of \$250,000.

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