

to their accommodation, a considerable part of the Mental Health Grant will be required to train the large number of qualified personnel that will be required before these new facilities can be made available.

Cancer Control

The Cancer Control Grant of \$3,500,000 is the only grant included in the program which was not mentioned in the 1945 Proposals. At that time provision for cancer was made indirectly and for an unspecified amount, through the Public Health Grant. A separate grant to provide additional funds was decided upon in view of cancer's importance as the second greatest cause of death in Canada. The grant is intended to stimulate provincial action in the building up of a concerted, well-planned and organized drive on cancer, including active diagnostic and treatment services, and to open the way toward free diagnosis and treatment in all provinces.

There is great variation in provincial cancer control programs. In some provinces services are relatively undeveloped, in others free diagnostic services are provided, while in Saskatchewan a complete free diagnostic and treatment service has been established. There are a dozen or more organizations active in cancer work, including the Canadian Cancer Society, which, with its provincial branches, carries on an extensive educational and fund-raising campaign, and the newly organized National Cancer Institute with which the Society is affiliated and which has as its principal function the stimulation and development of an intensive research program. Through the Institute it is hoped that all cancer research will be co-ordinated and integrated into a well-planned and uniform pattern, regardless of the auspices under which the research projects themselves may be undertaken.

The new program complements but in no way supplants the work that is now being done; the larger part of the grant will be used for the establishment of clinics and facilities for diagnosis and treatment. It is estimated that the cost of complete cancer diagnostic and treatment facilities for all in Canada would be in the neighbourhood of \$7,000,000 annually. The federal grant provides half this sum, and is conditional upon federal grants being matched by the provinces to provide the full amount required. The Cancer Grant thus differs from the other health grants in two ways; through the matching condition and because the provinces are not obliged to employ it on increased services.

Venereal Disease Control

Under the new program the existing Venereal Disease Control Grant of \$225,000 is raised to \$500,000 annually. As free treatment is largely available in Canada the increased grant is intended to extend the number of active clinics, to increase the number of persons engaged in preventive work, to develop rehabilitation programs where possible, to increase provision for drugs where necessary, and to extend educational work.

Federal participation in venereal disease control work began in 1919 when, on the recommendation of the Dominion Council of Health, \$200,000 was voted for control work. The amount voted was progressively decreased until, in the fiscal year 1932-33, the grant was discontinued in spite of the contrary recommendation of the Dominion Council.

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