

the Indian day-schools in isolated regions, most teachers receive furnished and heated quarters for which a moderate pay deduction is made.

### *Social services*

There is no specific federal legislation whereby the Federal Government is authorized to establish or maintain a social-assistance program on behalf of Indian residents of Canada.

The authority for providing these programs is an allotment included in the funds appropriated each year by Parliament for the administration of Indian affairs. The appropriation for welfare purposes provides for financial assistance and services to: indigent registered Indians living on reserves; specific categories of non-Indians living on reserves; indigent registered Indians living off reserves who are not considered to be eligible for assistance from any source in the non-Indian communities in which they may be living.

The social-services program administered and financed by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs includes social assistance, care and maintenance of children and rehabilitative services for physically- or socially-handicapped adults. It provides the basic necessities of food, clothing, shelter, fuel and other household essentials for

dependent Indians living on reserves, under the same conditions as apply to other residents of the provinces and Yukon Territory. In the Northwest Territories, welfare benefits and services to Indian residents are the administrative responsibility of the territorial government.

Under Section 88 of the Indian Act, Indian residents of a province are subject to the same provincial child-welfare legislation as non-Indian residents. The welfare of neglected, dependent and delinquent Indian children is ensured through the enforcement of provincial legislation and provision of related services by provincial social-welfare departments and accredited child-care agencies in each province. The Federal Government has entered into agreements with the governments of the Yukon, Manitoba and Nova Scotia by which Indian children may receive the same welfare services as non-Indian children, in accordance with provincial child-welfare legislation.

The Federal Government provides maintenance and care in homes for the aged and other institutions for physically- and socially-handicapped adults who need care but may not require active medical treatment.