

and extensive diagnostic and treatment services for physically impaired children. Hospital and medical care of indigents is a matter of municipal discretion but the province is planning to assume responsibility for a defined group of public assistance recipients under the proposed hospital insurance programme.

Quebec -- The Department of Health operates 67 local health units. Many health activities are delegated to voluntary religious and lay organizations. Several general rehabilitation centres as well as treatment facilities for crippled children, for victims of poliomyelitis, arthritis and other diseases are maintained by voluntary organizations.

Under the provisions of the Quebec Public Charities Act, public hospital care and care in certain special institutions is provided without charge to medically indigent persons, with the province, municipalities and the agency supplying the services contributing to the costs of care.

Ontario -- On January 1, 1959, under the federal-provincial hospital services programme, the Ontario Hospital Insurance Plan will provide in-patient services for all registered residents of Ontario, and to non-residents and those at that time unregistered after a three month waiting period from time of registration. Care is also provided in mental institutions and tuberculosis sanatoria under the plan. Registration and payment of monthly premiums of \$4.20 for families and \$2.10 for single persons, is to be completed by September 30, 1958 by all residents wishing to participate on January 1, 1959.

Treatment is at present virtually free for most tuberculosis and mentally ill patients, although a modest payment for maintenance is collected from patients who are financially able to pay. Most of the cost of hospital care, physiotherapy and special nursing for poliomyelitis patients in designated hospitals is paid by the province which also assists through grants the provision of certain dental treatment for children of parents unable to pay, school health services and treatment for venereal disease. Public health services are administered through local public health departments and health units.

The Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation operates centres where indigent persons may obtain radiotherapy without charge. Services for physically impaired children are also available from the Ontario Society for Crippled Children and the cerebral palsy associations in the principal towns.