

Annual report.

(g) To prepare and submit an annual report on the various matters dealt with by him under the provisions of this Act ;

Other duties.

(h) To perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. 56 V. c. 45, s. 9 (h-h).

Shelters for young children in cities and towns

4.—(1) For the better protection of neglected children, there shall be provided in every city or town having a population of over 10,000 one or more places of refuge for such children, only to be known as temporary homes or shelters. Such homes shall be entirely distinct and separate from any penal or pauper institution, and no pauper or convict shall be permitted to live or labour therein, and they shall not be used as a permanent provision or residence for any child, but for its temporary protection for so long a time only as shall be absolutely necessary for the placing of the child in a well selected foster home. Children demented, idiotic or suffering from incurable or contagious diseases shall not be taken into such temporary homes. 56 V. c. 45, s. 10 (1); 58 V. c. 52, s. 5.

Existing asylums may be used as shelters.

(2) Orphan asylums or other children's homes now in operation in any municipality may, with the consent of the trustees or governing bodies thereof, be used as temporary homes or shelters under this section ; and when desirable for economical reasons, not being inconsistent with the welfare of the children to be provided for, such temporary homes or shelters may be established in desirable private families ; but in no instance shall such home or shelter be under the same care or management as a poor house or any penal institution.

Powers of children's aid societies.

(3) When in any municipality a children's aid society has been duly organized and has been approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, such children's aid society shall have the supervision and management of any such children in the temporary home or shelter provided by or at the expense of such municipality ; but this provision shall not apply to any orphan asylum or other children's home mentioned in subsection 2 of this section without the consent of the trustees or governing bodies thereof. 56 V. c. 45, s. 10 (2-3).

Appointment and duties children's visiting committee.

5.—(1) For each electoral district within the Province of Ontario there shall be appointed a committee consisting of six persons or more, not less than half of whom shall be women, who shall be known as the "Children's Visiting Committee" for such electoral district. The said committee shall co-operate with the children's aid societies, and shall serve without compensation. They shall have the right at all times to visit any temporary home or shelter in the electoral district, and to suggest from time to time such provisions, changes or additions as they may think desirable. They shall also assist, under the direction and advice of the superintendent, in the careful