

The health survey grants totalling \$625,000 will make it possible for each province to establish the planning machinery that will be necessary before it can adequately survey its existing health needs, lay its plans for the expenditure of the National Health Grants, study the extension of its hospital accommodation and prepare the proper organization of hospital and medical care insurance.

Specific Projects

The eight projects which are at present being aided by grants will receive \$17,000,000 in the first year, rising later to a steady figure of \$22,000,000. As will be seen below, these projects cover the entire field of public health. The grants are given, generally, on condition that existing expenditures are not reduced. These represent, therefore, a very real increase in Canada's health programme, and should encourage expansion into entirely new fields.

(a) Public Health - \$4,400,000 to \$6,500,000 - The annual grant for general public health will widely extend the scope of present programmes and will permit of the training of more personnel for work in the public health field. The plan is to increase this grant yearly until after four years it reaches \$6,500,000 - that is, 50 cents more for every citizen than at present.

(b) Professional Training - \$500,000 - One of the urgent needs in the health field in Canada is for more trained personnel. A number of the health grants under the new programme will provide funds for this purpose but, in addition, a grant of \$500,000 has been made for training personnel in public health work and for staffing the expanding hospital programme. This should do much to relieve the heavy burden on present workers.

(c) Public Health Research - \$100,000 to \$500,000 - In addition to the annual medical grant provided by the federal government through the National Research Council, there will be a new grant, starting at \$100,000 a year, and increasing to \$500,000. The steady increase of this grant over five years will permit research facilities to develop gradually.

(d) Mental Health Care - \$4,000,000 to \$7,000,000 - One of Canada's most urgent national health problems is the prevalence of mental ill-health. The new federal grant, which will start at \$4,000,000 and rise, over a period of years, to \$7,000,000 annually, will enable medical science to move beyond institutional care to carry more active preventive campaigns against mental illness into the community itself. This grant will also health to meet the urgent need for more skilled workers in the field of mental health.

(e) Aid to Crippled Children - \$500,000 - The provision of a crippled children's grant, to total \$500,000 a year, will now make possible greatly expanded plans to search out and to treat the crippling conditions of children. Already, excellent work is being done in some provinces and fine programmes have been worked out. Provincial departments can now develop more active campaigns for prevention of crippling conditions and also for treatment and rehabilitation.

(f) Control of Cancer - \$3,500,000 - The new health programme makes possible a really intensive nation-wide effort to lessen the ravages of cancer. To support and to develop all provincial programmes against cancer, \$3,500,000 will be made available each year. The grant will make possible the mobilization of the special skills required to give the cancer victim his best hope of recovery, through early diagnosis and expert treatment. This cancer control programme complements, but in no way supplants, the intensive research programmes now under way which are so essential if Canada is to find the cause and the best methods of treatment of this dread disease.