

different activities, and how it can be attained most effectively. The work supported in this field will be of great interest to those of you who are studying the sciences, embracing as it does a wide variety of work in the biological and physical sciences. I was myself extremely surprised to find that one of our closest advisers on research is also employed on space research and considers his work on both programmes to be closely related.

Grants to Provinces

One half of all funds provided under the Act are made available to the provinces, on a project and matching basis, for the development of fitness and amateur sport activities at the provincial and local levels. Projects here have covered a wide range, indicating the very real need that is felt to assist expansion of opportunities for all sectors of the population to indulge in active recreational pursuits.

Such pursuits are by no means as easy for most people to follow as they were before the tremendous growth of our cities, and this fact presents challenges also to the town planner if our potentialities for recreation are to be fully realized. I am optimistic about the job we can do, as I think a real fear has developed across the country of the dangers inherent in a way of life completely lacking in real physical activity.

Direct Services

I come now to the third major sector of the Programme, the direct services provided through the Department of National Health and Welfare. These are very considerable indeed. As well as providing guidance in less direct forms, my Department takes an active role in the preparation of informational material such as films, manuals of instruction and other instructional aids of a technical nature.

In addition to the preparation of films on figure-skating and other subjects, we have been involved in such projects as preparation of a manual on how to construct swimming pools and a track-and-field reference manual. We also hope to develop even closer contacts with the construction of recreational and sports facilities through the Municipal Winter Works Programme. Federal assistance of \$5.5 million was given to this type of construction through the Department of Labour last year.

There are other projects of importance which I will only touch on here. In co-operation with a number of other Federal Departments, we are assisting the Calgary Olympic Development Association in its plans to obtain the 1968 Winter Olympic Games for Banff. We are also helping the City of Winnipeg in its application for the 1967 Pan-American Games.

Effect of Programme

I do not think it is too much to say that the Fitness and Amateur Sport Programme has had a large part to play in bringing Canada the kind of international sports recognition that makes the holding of such Games a possibility. If we are successful in obtaining the 1968 Winter Olympics and