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The Department of Public Welfare Act

1. In this Act, Interpretation.

(a) "Department" means Department of Public Welfare;
(b) "Minister" means Minister of Public Welfare. 1948, c. 23, s. 1.

2. There shall be a department of the public service to be Department established. known as the Department of Public Welfare over which the Minister shall preside and have charge. 1948, c. 23, s. 2.

3. The Minister shall be responsible for the administration Jurisdiction of the following Acts and such other Acts as may be assigned to him by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council:

(a) The Adoption Act;
(b) The British Child Guests Act, 1941;
(c) The Charitable Institutions Act;
(d) The Children of Unmarried Parents Act;
(e) The Children’s Protection Act;
(f) The Day Nurseries Act;
(g) The Homes for the Aged Act;
(h) The Mothers’ Allowances Act;
(i) The Old Age Pensions Act;
(j) The Unemployment Relief Act. 1948, c. 23, s. 3.

4. The Minister may, Powers of Minister.

(a) institute inquiry into and collect information and statistics relating to all matters of public welfare;
(b) disseminate information in such manner and form as may be found best adapted to promote public welfare;

(c) secure the observance and execution of all Acts and regulations dealing with matters of public welfare;

(d) cause investigation to be made into all activities, agencies, organizations, associations or institutions having for their object the social welfare or care of men, women or children in Ontario and which are not under the control of any other department of the public service of Ontario;

(e) declare any institution or organization to be a charitable institution. 1948, c. 23, s. 4.

5.—(1) The Minister shall after the close of each fiscal year file with the Provincial Secretary an annual report upon the affairs of the Department.

(2) The Provincial Secretary shall submit the report to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and shall then lay the report before the Assembly, if it is in session, or if not, at the next ensuing session. 1948, c. 23, s. 5.

6. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may,

(a) declare any institution or organization having charitable objects or purposes, or any class or classes of such institutions or organizations, to be subject to the control of the Minister;

(b) make regulations governing the operation and activities of institutions and organizations which are declared to be subject to the control of the Minister under this section, including regulations governing the procuring of funds from the public and the application thereof by such institutions and organizations. 1948, c. 23, s. 6.