

adjustment that accompanies the development of a complex procedure like the making of Salk vaccine.

The Salk polio vaccine is the greatest single step forward in years of searching for a preventive against this crippling and killing disease. But as I have said on other occasions it should be regarded as a blessing, not a miracle. It will be recalled that, in Dr. Francis' report, he did not claim one hundred per cent effectiveness; the highest claim he made was ninety per cent, and, in the case of some types of polio, the protection was considered to be from sixty to eighty per cent.

Just as laboratory workers will devise better production techniques, so too the research scientist will undoubtedly develop refinements in the vaccine itself which will make it even more effective. I can assure the parents of Canada that the children of this country will benefit fully from all new refinements in the vaccine and its manufacture.

I am sure it will be agreed that the admirable record of the Connaught Laboratories and the well known ability of the Institute of Microbiology, coupled with the administrative skill which has been displayed by our ten provincial health departments, are our guarantee that the second phase of Canada's Salk immunization programme -- which will commence at the beginning of the new year -- will be carried out in the same orderly, prudent, effective and well-planned manner as this year's inoculations.

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