

public and thereby create public opinion in favor of supporting ever better health service. As a voluntary organization with a nation-wide membership, it can do much to assist the official health authorities to influence multitudes of individuals to understand and advocate the continuous improvement of personal hygiene, wholesome sanitary environment, adequate Public Health Medical and Nursing Service, and all those measures and services which under modern conditions are so necessary and desirable.

### **War-Work Yet to Do**

In undertaking its new work in time of peace the Red Cross gives up none of its former character. The Society will be as ready, and better able than before, to serve humanity should war again disturb the world. It will also maintain itself in readiness to give help to local, national or international authorities in time of pestilence, famine or other disaster. The war work of the Society is not yet finished. In ministering in various ways to the comfort of the men who have suffered physical disabilities, it has a duty to perform that will continue many years to come. Work of this sort is being carried on quietly and unostentatiously in all the provinces of Canada. Sometimes it means the service of a few sympathetic people in a village or small town. Sometimes it requires the aid of numbers of visitors and also careful organization in support of a lodge or other means of humanizing and socializing the otherwise too professional and official atmosphere of a hospital. In these and other respects the Red Cross stands ready to co-operate as auxiliary to the Militia Department, the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment and the Soldier Settlement Board.

### **Red Cross as Voluntary Auxiliary**

As stated at the first meeting of the General Council of the League of Red Cross Societies, held at Geneva, March 2nd-8th, 1920, and attended by representatives of 27 different nations, the three principal duties of the National Red Cross Society in the field of health service should be:

- (a) To stimulate and maintain interest in public health work;
- (b) To support and, if need be, supplement the work of Government Agencies;
- (c) To disseminate useful knowledge concerning health through demonstration, education and otherwise.

Each Province in Canada has the responsibility of dealing with its own questions of health and sanitation. Each Provincial Division of the Red Cross is practically autonomous and, within the limits of the policy of the Society, may arrange the form or forms of its co-operation with the Provincial Government as seems to it necessary or expedient.