

there have been a number of epidemics in the far north, requiring very special attention - diphtheria, measles, polio, influenza, and mumps. In every instance, where other health care is not available, white settlers also are provided for.

Our native peoples have a sincere appreciation of the goodwill of the officers of the Directorates of Indian Health Services and Indian Affairs, and many others who are working to improve their lot, but no account of the health care of Canada's Indians and Eskimos can fail to pay special tribute to the long years of arduous effort and unselfish devotion that has marked the work of Canada's missionaries and that is written so indelibly in the history of our northern country.

It is the aim of the Federal Government to bring complete health care to members of any recognized Indian band. It is our job to spend carefully and to get results. Our task is made much easier by Family Allowances which are making an undoubted impact on Indian health. These allowances bring some \$3,500,000 a year to 49,000 Indian and Eskimo children, and since every effort is being made to inform Indian and Eskimo mothers of the importance of good food and health habits the wise use of these allowances is laying good foundations for good health. Everywhere I hear reports that because of this extra family income Indian children are better dressed and better fed.

In Ottawa, I am privileged to see at close hand the daily operations of the small administrative staff which issues the orders that are so effectively translated into action by the 1,000 employees of the Directorate of Indian Health Services. Around large-scale maps of Canada frequent conferences are held to search out the weaknesses in our system and to plan special efforts to overcome them. Our recent successes prove that we are bringing to Canada's Indians and Eskimos the health that should be part of the heritage of anyone who lives within the borders of our abundant land. In the record of this campaign, the Sioux Lookout Indian Hospital, in a community that perpetuates the name of a great Indian band, will write its own proud pages of humanitarian achievement.

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