

purpose we would suggest a committee composed of some well known physician and surgeon, two ministers of the Gospel, and a High Court judge. This committee would hear the story of the persons who had been treated and their friends and acquaintances. It would also have power to call expert witnesses to test the real condition of those who suffered and sought relief.

If the cures are real and numerous Mr. Hickson should be the first to welcome this enquiry, and no church should raise any objection. The truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, is what is demanded.

CONTROL OF VENEREAL DISEASES

The Federal Government, through the Department of Health, plans to take an active part in a Dominion-wide campaign against venereal disease. To this end an order-in-council has been passed, which was tabled in the Commons to-day, by Hon. N. W. Rowell, Minister presiding over the Department of Health, providing for the distribution of \$200,000 among the nine provinces, to assist in combating venereal disease. The grants are to be made on a basis of population, and in two payments. The first of these will be made when the province has given assurance that it will spend an equal amount in the fight, and submitted an outline of its plans of campaign. The provincial departments of health must also sign agreements which will provide for the establishment of approved clinics, under the care of specialists with assistants, hospital beds with free treatment; diagnostic laboratories and efficient inspection and treatment of patients in jails and other public institutions. The second payment is to be made in six months if the Federal Department of Health is satisfied with the vigor being shown in carrying out the campaign.

Grants to the provinces will be as follows:—

	Population	Amount
Ontario	2,581,000	\$ 57,473.68
Quebec	2,326,000	47,388.80
Manitoba	619,000	12,611.20
Nova Scotia	519,000	10,573.86
New Brunswick	369,000	7,517.83
Saskatchewan	754,000	15,361.63
Alberta	588,000	11,979.62
British Columbia	718,000	14,628.19
Prince Edward Island	94,000	1,915.11
Totals	8,808,000	\$179,449.92

The balance of the \$200,000 will be used for incidentals.