

The Ontario Administration is in the hands of a small commission; it seems very doubtful whether such a body could educate public opinion as to the social and economic significance of this very large expenditure. It is doubtful whether the commissioners overloaded with the details of administration have themselves given the subject serious consideration.

The equivalent dependency problem in the Province of Quebec is being met in many different ways, or not being met at all, and in any case as a rule met at a later stage in its development. It is equally as doubtful whether the social and economic significance of the problem in Quebec is being given serious consideration,

Montrealers have been told recently that the Bonar Law Government has had to concentrate its attention on the two domestic problems of unemployment and housing when international affairs demanded their undivided attention.

Housing and unemployment are very real problems in Canada, and particularly in Montreal. Everyone of our social agencies is affected by them; more than that, every office and factory is affected by them.

Social workers will not be able to carry the load of routine work, and educate public opinion at the same time. The Trustees of our charities will have to carry this load or else face the inevitable consequences - poorly equipped agencies, antiquated methods and failure in Federation.

Legislatures should not act in advance of public opinion; if the Trustees of our social agencies are unable to educate public opinion to the point of demanding action, then we must face the consequences.

In this Province, our own minority group may feel that the situation is complicated by racial and religious differences, which make action by the minority hopeless, but, we cannot say this of certain lesser problems, which have already engaged our attention.

#### LESSER PROBLEMS CAPABLE OF SOLUTION.

The four divisions of the Council have already interested themselves in certain problems. The immediate circle of interested people is satisfied that something ought to be done and could be done. The only thing required to effect action is a wider interest in these matters.

1. Begging on the street and at the house and office.

It is claimed that at one time the activities of the Charity Organization Society had practically eliminated the transient beggar. No city in Canada is so well equipped as Montreal with agencies and buildings for the handling of this problem.