

activities in developing a strong public opinion in favour of more adequate health service, the efforts of the Montreal Health Survey Committee and of the City Council for such a service, might have been of no avail. The League stressed health education and showed by actual demonstration the value of applied preventive medicine; when the time was ripe, it gathered the facts of the health needs of the city and put these facts in a readily available form for the Survey Committee. The League's work is a model for voluntary health agencies.

The Board of Health in Montreal is newly created, but it is significant that no city in Canada has created a board of health with such careful thought as to the contribution to be made by each of its members. Four of the members represent the City Council and four are representatives of the two great universities of Montreal, two being named by McGill University and two by the University of Montreal. These eight members with Dr. Boucher, Director of Health, compose the new Board.

The New Year is indeed one of great promise to Montreal in its health programme.

CONFERENCE OF VOLUNTARY HEALTH AGENCIES

THE findings of the recent conference, in Ottawa, of representatives of the nationally organized voluntary health agencies are of importance to everyone interested in public health and preventive medicine in Canada. It was the considered opinion of those present that such overlapping of effort as exists is negligible in importance; that the reiteration of factual health information is highly desirable; that the need for placing before the public accurate scientific data in easily assimilable form is a task that requires the whole-hearted cooperation of all those interested; and that official health agencies are fully cognizant of the assistance rendered by unofficial health workers in seconding their efforts towards health improvement.

Further, the Conference established the fact that there are associated with these organizations, a group of individuals capable of giving leadership to any movement for the improvement of the public health or welfare, each one interested particularly with his own task, but willing to work in harmony with the others for the public good.

The success of the Conference is due in very large measure to the guidance given the meeting by the Chairman, Dr. John A. Amyot, Deputy Minister of Pensions and National Health, and to the generous hospitality extended by the Honourable Dr. and Mrs. King. The best measure of its value is the unanimous expression of the desire of those present that such conferences should be convened regularly.