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An address by Mr. J. Waldo Monteith, Minister of National Health and Welfare, at the Jubilee Meeting of the Canadian Public Health Association, Montreal, Quebec, on June 1, 1959.

At the outset, I want to thank you for inviting me here today. This is my first opportunity of meeting the Canadian Public Health Association as a body, and I am delighted that it has coincided with one of the important milestones in your history.

Permettez-moi aussi d'adresser quelques mots d'appréciation à la Société d'hygiène et de médecine préventive de la province de Québec qui s'est chargée de l'organisation et du programme.

The lifetime of the Canadian Public Health Association has spanned an impressive era in the nation's health progress. From the advent of pasteurization to the impact of the Salk vaccine it has witnessed developments which have brought Canadians to the threshold of a new age of freedom from sickness and disease. Indeed, never before in human experience has so much headway been made in so brief a period.

The Association, itself, has played a leading role in this great forward movement. Through such educational media as its distinguished Journal, it has channeled information to public health workers across the country in a continuing effort to keep them abreast of advances in public health and preventive medicine. As the senior professional agency in the field, it has also constituted the "right hand" of governments in supporting various public health measures. In these and other ways, the Association has achieved an enviable record of service to the people of Canada -- a record which can stand as a worthy inspiration for the second half-century on which it is now about to enter.