

people, the brains and brawn of the men and women that make up the nation, determine the strength and efficiency of that nation, whether in peace or in war. Consequently, the problems embraced in public health administration are federal—provincial and municipal. These are problems that governments must reckon with and that must take precedence to all others. Nations have long since recognized their responsibility to educate their children and have made this compulsory under the Truancy Act, and advisedly so, but for the most part have failed to recognize the obligation to safeguard the lives and health of these children and thereby secure their physical fitness. Every child has a right to be well-born and then is entitled to the development of the best, mental and physical, of which it is capable. The safeguarding and developing of the physical is even more essentially a national problem than the development of the mental, and its neglect in any nation is an economic error of inestimable magnitude. This country is spending over one million annually to educate children who die from preventable diseases before they reach the age at which they could make any return to the government for the money that has been expended on their education. This is not good government, nor is it nation building.