

A special class for subnormal and retarded children was then opened by the Board. It was, however, discontinued after a year, supposedly because of the expense. It has also been said that a few of those pronounced to be feeble-minded later proved to be normal. Probably sufficient consideration was not given to the physical condition, temperament, and environment of each child submitted to the intelligence tests. It is improbable that such omissions would occur now. A short time ago a circular letter was sent to the Principals of Protestant Schools asking them to report any cases of subnormal mentality confidentially to the Mental Hygiene Committee. About 100 cases were reported - the majority of which proved to be retarded and defective.

Dr. Mitchell is now conducting a series of six lecture conferences on "The Child's Adjustment".

There is at present in the Province of Quebec one institution for the feeble-minded, that at Baie St. Paul, with 381 inmates. In his last report, Dr. Tremblay, the Medical Supervisor, states that because of overcrowding there is no room for classes which he feels to be essential. He adds that because of lack of resources private initiative is powerless to provide them. "May I, he says, "be permitted to ask the Government to study, adopt and put into effect a plan already elaborated,.... The present system cures nothing."

Although this report is very incomplete, your Sub-committee believes that there are sufficient grounds for recommending:-