

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS & SUPPORTERS OF THE  
CANADIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR MENTAL HYGIENE.

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(Submitted by the Medical Director )  
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Foreword

The year 1927 has been marked by a signal progress throughout Canada in mental hygiene. From coast to coast there has been an awakening of the public conscience concerning the problem of the mentally unfit and there never was a time when governments, universities and public bodies were more genuinely interested in evolving programmes of prevention. It would seem that the nine years' continuous work of our National Committee has set forces in motion that will justify our efforts and the expenditure of a very considerable sum of money.

In this communication brief reference will be made to recent advances in the various Provinces - advances that in many instances can be traced directly or indirectly to the Committee.

Nova Scotia.

At the last Session of the Nova Scotia Legislature there was enacted the most advanced legislation for the diagnosis, training and supervision of mental defectives - the most advanced legislation in the Dominion. A Provincial Psychiatrist has been appointed and, vested with governmental authority, he will be given an opportunity to establish special classes for mentally retarded children throughout Nova Scotia; to organize a Residential Training School for cases needing such a facility and to make arrangements for the supervision of defectives in the general community.

New Brunswick.

The progress in Nova Scotia has stimulated the New Brunswick Government to make a mental hygiene survey of the schools of the Province. This study is now in progress and will lead to the establishment of greatly needed facilities.