

Private Memorandum:-

REASONS FOR CONTINUANCE OF HEALTH LEAGUE

1. Leadership:- Generally speaking, leadership in health work comes from voluntary agencies. There is no large city in greater need of such than the city of Montreal. The need is just as great now as when the League was organized.

If the League ceases to function, not only is this leadership lost, but the impression is given that such efforts are a mere flash in the pan, and so the sincerity of others working in this field will be questioned and all future efforts will be handicapped. This not only affects Montreal but all of Canada. When there was a suggestion of delaying the Milk By-Law in Montreal, the opponents of pasteurization in Halifax immediately tried to make capital out of it. So, opponents to health work will use the failure of the League.

2. Continuity of Effort:- It takes time to establish a position in the community. The public have not faith in a new organization; it must prove itself worthy. The League has done this, as is evidenced by requests for help from outside the city, and by the positions held by the executive of the organization.

This would be lost by cessation of the League's work.

3. Support of the Health Department:- Municipal and Government departments can only do their best work if there is organized public opinion back of them. Elected representatives must know what is the wish of the people, and they can only get this through an organized health society. Such a society must be representative of the whole people. The League