

PROPOSALS FOR CO-OPERATION IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH

FIELD MADE BY THE QUEBEC REPRESENTATIVES

During a mission to Belgium in January 1975, representatives of the Quebec Department of Social Affairs were able, through visits to health institutions, to evaluate the quality of research and health care.

They came back with the conviction that Quebec could benefit from Belgium's experience and progress in the fields of toxicology and occupational medicine, in pharmacology and in geriatrics, and that Belgium would also be interested in the research done in Quebec in toxicology, since the Belgian and Quebec experiments in this field were complementary.

Consequently, co-operative activity in the following sectors was proposed:

A. Clinical toxicology

1. Documentation It is desirable to take advantage of Belgian experience in this area, which is much more extensive than our own, particularly now when the need for reorganization in this field is being felt in Canada.

2. Analytical
toxicology In this sector, Quebec has set up laboratories which are fully integrated into the poison control and industrial toxicology programs. Belgium seems to be directing its efforts along the same lines, which is why co-operation seems desirable.