

The program has three parts:

1. The Public Health Survey Grant which will enable this province to make a searching examination of its health needs and to plan its future program to use the federal funds now available.
2. The Annual National Health Grants will allow expanded programs to assist crippled children, to fight venereal disease and tuberculosis, to bring mental illness and cancer under control, greatly to expand public health activities and research and to train professional health workers.
3. Finally, under the Hospital Construction Grant, \$334,000 has been set aside this year to assist in the building of new hospitals or additions to present hospitals in Newfoundland.

These grants will undoubtedly have a profound effect on the health progress of this province as they are already having their effect on the rest of Canada. In the short space of seven months, the Program has already proved itself beyond all question to be the greatest single forward step ever taken to further the cause of good health in Canada.

From all sides and from all parties there has come enthusiastic approval of this Program, which has the great forward-looking advantage of clearing the way for any system of health insurance that is decided upon by the provinces. It is now obvious to all that this Program represents the sensible way to build an even greater national structure of health services. It is the essential preliminary to any more elaborate plans.

7. LIBERAL PERFORMANCE vs PLATFORM PROMISES

(a) The Tories vs. Old Age Pensions:

All these measures of which I have been speaking are achievements of Liberal administrations. Of course, while they are outstanding they must be ranged beside such measures as Unemployment Insurance, the Veterans Charter and all the Canadian Social legislation for farmer and worker and fisherman that has given Liberal administrations such a distinguished record of service. What can we say now of the other parties? I have already told you that the opposition to Old Age Pensions came from the Conservative Party. Fortunately for our aged and blind citizens, we were able to crush that opposition. What about Family Allowances?

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