

Q. How long have you occupied that position?—A. 10 years; I was Secretary at the start.

Q. Where do you operate?—A. Montreal and Toronto are our two chief offices.

By Hon. Mr. Daniel:

Q. Headquarters where?—A. Toronto and Montreal, both places.
Q. Who provides the funds?—A. Partly from the Dominion Government, and partly philanthropic Canadians and corporations, and very largely from the Rockefeller Foundation, and another one of Mr. Rockefeller's Funds.

Q. You have not the amount—A. Yes, we have been spending approximately \$80,000 to \$90,000 a year for the last few years. The Dominion Government has been giving us \$10,000 a year. We are asking more this year, because we are expecting to increase our appropriation to \$150,000 a year. The Rockefeller Foundations have been giving us approximately \$40,000 a year—a little over half, just because our work was largely, during the last few years, of a research character, and not for the benefit of Canada alone. According to our friends in New York it is of some use to the United States, as well as the other parts of the world.

Q. How many are engaged in this foundation?—A. In our work, do you mean?—

Q. Yes?—A. We have some 26 or 27 workers; they vary.

By the Chairman:

Q. What are the activities?—A. Our activities for the first five years were a determination, as far as we could, of the problems of abnormality in Canada, making surveys in all parts of the country, and finding out the numbers of individuals suffering from insanity and mental deficiency and serious nervous conditions, and the way in which we were treating these cases in the country, and what measures if any we had for the prevention of them. And now our work is largely in the preventive field. That is the reason for the research work we are conducting.

By Hon. Mr. Daniel:

Q. Have you any definite line between mental deficiency and non-mental deficiency?—A. No, there is no line.

Q. There is no line?—A. There is no line at all. One merges into the other.

Q. You cannot tell a non-mental deficient from a mental deficient?—A. No, there are border line cases which specialists postpone judgment on, but that group does not invalidate our work because we have extreme cases that the ordinary newsboy on the street could diagnose.

Q. The boundary is arbitrary?—A. Yes, arbitrary boundary.

By the Chairman:

Q. In your investigation work have you been able to satisfy yourself as to the proportion of mentally deficient in Canada for whom a venereal disease would be responsible?—A. We have not been able to take routine Wasserman tests in the various institutions. Dr. Fernald, when he was alive, at Waverley, Massachusetts, did that in regard to his own cases. The proportion was very much less than he had thought. He only found four per cent at the Waverley institution—that is, of mental defectives, where syphilis was the primary cause. Might I say here that I have information that might possibly be of some interest to you, but is not strictly in connection with the Bill at hand; would that be going too far?