

and Minister of Health, and the National Committee is pleased to report that a 140 bed addition is now being built.

V. Arrangement in collaboration with the Federal Census Bureau to secure Uniform Statistics from the Mental Institutions of the Country.

It is a matter of first importance that there should be available at all times uniform statistical data with regard to the patient populations of Canadian mental hospitals. Although each Province of the Dominion publishes reports in this regard, there has in the past been a lack of uniformity of the statistical material. Thanks to the interest of the Director of the Federal Census Bureau, it has been possible for the National Committee to work out a programme with him that will insure adequate reportings of hospital information in the future.

This work is but the beginning of what is hoped will be the initiation of arrangements for the collection of statistical data that will eventually include in their compass information in regard to the incidence of mental disorders throughout the country. At the present time there is fairly adequate reporting of communicable diseases and of various forms of physical disorders. Unfortunately we are quite in the dark in regard to the prevalence of mental disabilities except in so far as admissions to mental institutions are concerned. To a degree, progress in mental hygiene will depend upon a more accurate knowledge of the dimensions of the problems that must be attacked and therefore the need of vital statistics in this field.