

New life has been put into provincial campaigns to lessen child and maternal mortality, to control diseases like diphtheria and typhoid, and to counter the great cripplers -- polio, arthritis and rheumatism.

Provincial governments are adding new divisions to extend the reach of their public health services.

Public health units and clinics are being established on an impressive scale. There are 22 new mental health clinics.

Scientific equipment is being provided wherever needed in hospitals, sanatoria and clinics.

Provincial campaigns against mental illness, cancer, tuberculosis, venereal disease and crippling conditions in children -- all are being strengthened and extended.

4. NATIONAL ACTION FOR HEALTH ADVANCES

Canada's new National Health Programme is proof of our interest in accelerating our health progress. By such unprecedented moves in the United States and Canada, logic is taking over the direction of health planning where chance had left it. We are determined to keep abreast of the advances of medical science and to be impatient and intolerant of anything that debars our people from the best of health care.

Our goal for public health should be to make adequate provision to prevent illness while making health and hospital care available in some measure to all our citizens -- regardless of income or geographical location -- as rapidly as our resources will permit. In countries like ours -- unsurpassed among the nations of the world in their levels of living -- we must not permit lack of money to lead to neglect of health.

Let us not delude ourselves that this goal is near or that we can reach it without redoubled effort.

Public health has evolved over the centuries from action to care for the simplest needs of the family and community to action to provide health care for entire regions. As medical science advanced and public health measures followed, the increasing burden of these responsibilities finally made it necessary in our time for central governments to support the work of state or provincial governments. In this way health opportunity becomes national in scope.

For many generations the members of this Association have been fighting what was in effect a rearguard action against disease, but now the peoples of our two countries, impressed by your past efforts, have recently entrusted you through their governments with resources that make greater and more rapid advances possible.

5. SHARING THE COSTS OF ILLNESS

As its support becomes more broadly based, public health is seen as an ever-widening concept -- for the recognition of which this Association has worked long and effectively -- of everything that affects mental and physical health. This was emphasized by the interest taken in recent years by the American Public Health Association in the provision of medical care. Having succeeded in providing improved health facilities and services, our next concern must be to ensure that what has been provided at the people's expense is made easily available to all the people.