

Province, the City and private philanthropy should each contribute one-third of the cost.

At the present time, special grants of money are paid out of the Quebec Public Charities Act to various health agencies working in the province. As the Health League has neither applied for nor received such a grant, we are free to discuss the matter. There is no question but that these grants are well-earned and that the organizations receiving them are worthy of recognition.

We ask that the Government regularize such grants. In the first place, this would mean that all organizations receiving grants should be approved by the Government; secondly, that payments be made by both the Government and the City of what would be approximately, from each, one-third, of the budget of such organizations. Instead of basing these payments on a per capita per diem basis, as is done for institutions, some standard of payment would have to be evolved suitable for the type of work of the institution.

If the care of the public health is, as we believe it to be, a state responsibility, then the state must either carry on such work itself or subsidize those who do the work. The choice of method rests with the authorities, but where the actual work is left to a voluntary organization, willing to do the work, it is reasonable and right that the state supply a large share of the necessary money.

To the City of Montreal we make eight proposals. The general basis of these proposals is:-

That the city increase its expenditure upon health work. In 1923, the expenditure was 42 cents per capita; in 1924, 41 cents per capita; in 1925, 40 cents per capita. In other words, there has been a decrease