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As a next step, the League of Red Cross Societies was organized at Paris, May 5th, 1919. Its purpose is to associate the Red Cross Societies of the world in a systematic effort to anticipate, diminish and relieve the misery produced by disease and calamity.

The Chairman of the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies has issued the following statement:

"The Red Cross Societies of the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan for several months worked incessantly through their representatives to devise an agency which could adequately cope with world problems of disease and disaster.

"From the outset it was clear to us all that there was no institution in the world so well adapted to this task as the Red Cross, because of the peculiar hold which it has upon the hearts of all peoples, irrespective of differences of race and religion, because of its fifty years of honorable service in all quarters of the globe, because of the anxiety of its membership not to lose the opportunity for service when war service was no longer needed—because, in short, of the consensus of opinion, medical and lay, that the health problems of the world can never be solved by doctors alone, nor by governments alone; but must enlist the hearty volunteer co-operation of the peoples themselves; and no organization can mobilize the peoples of divergent views as can the Red Cross."

Canada Takes Her Place and Part

Thus it came about that Canada, as one of the signatories of the Peace Treaty, agreed to encourage and promote the establishment of its Red Cross Society with a peace-time program. An amendment to the Act of Incorporation was granted by Parliament in 1919 and in it the new and additional purpose of the Canadian Red Cross Society is set forth as follows:

"In time of peace or war to carry on and assist in work for the improvement of health, the prevention of disease and the mitigation of suffering throughout the world."

The Red Cross can best accomplish that purpose as a voluntary organization by taking the course which it followed during the war, namely that of being an auxiliary to the Government. We of the Red Cross must ever bear in mind that the responsibility for the enactment and administration of measures for the protection of the health of the people rests with the Governments. It has not become a duty of the Red Cross to formulate or to administer public health measures; but the world's foremost authorities have set it forth as part of the duty of the Red Cross to stimulate and maintain the interest of the public in health reform, to educate the