

conferences are held several times a week. In no part of the Continent can there be found a superior personnel.

There are 18 special classes for defective children in the Vancouver schools. The National Committee will co-operate with local authorities in urging the establishment of a Trade School for older defective children. At present, approximately 10% of the mental defectives in school attendance in Vancouver eventually find their way to the Juvenile Courts or Reform Schools. Delinquency will be cut down materially when a Trade School is organized.

Alberta

Alberta is giving leadership in Canada in connection with its Training School for mental defectives at Red Deer. 150 children are receiving attention in this admirable institution. Although 85% are low grade cases, they are being trained in habits of industry, cleanliness and usefulness. The educational facilities, the play-grounds and the cheerful atmosphere were a contrast to certain institutions on the Continent attempting to perform a similar service. The Committee is recommending the enlargement of the present institution or the removal to a larger property.

The Minister of Health of Alberta is desirous of preventing as far as possible, the propagation of mentally unsound individuals. At the next Session of the Legislature, he will probably re-introduce a Bill that will permit the sterilization of certain types under certain conditions. The National Committee has been requested by the Minister of Health to co-operate in an educational mental hygiene campaign.

The mental hospitals at Ponoka and Oliver are splendid institutions. For several years the Medical Staff has been experimenting with the malaria treatment for General Paralysis of the Insane. Hitherto this disease has been fatal and has accounted for a considerable proportion