

February 16, 1932.

The Right Honourable R. B. Bennett, P.C., L^h.D.,
Prime Minister of Canada,
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My dear Prime Minister,

According to Canadian press dispatches, the Federal government grant to the Canadian National Committee for Mental Hygiene has been reduced from \$20,000 to \$9,000. I am informed that other national health organizations, including the Canadian Tuberculosis Association, have been reduced only 10%.

I do not know whether or not you are aware of the fact that this drastic reduction of the grant to the Committee for Mental Hygiene makes it impossible for us to receive the annual grant of \$30,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation, and without that grant I do not know how we are going to carry on at all. If you reduce our grant by only 10%, the same rate as applied to the Tuberculosis grant, we could, I believe, get the usual help from the Rockefellers (which is made on the basis of the Federal Government grant).

I know of no health organization in Canada that has done as effective and useful work as the Mental Hygiene Committee. By their influence they have entirely revolutionized the treatment of the mental defective in almost every province in Canada.

Everyone fully sympathizes with you in your effort to effect the necessary economies, but this reduction practically destroys a most useful institution.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal