

The reason for this proposal is the necessity for securing proper housing conditions for our people. At the present time, the health by-laws of the province are minimum standards. It is apparent that standards for a city like Montreal should be different from those of a small isolated town. To overcome the present difficulty, it is necessary to zone the province and have health by-laws suitable for each zone. In addition, such zoning would permit of the control of areas adjacent to the cities and prevent the growth of slum areas on our borders - areas which will be part of the city in the course of time and which the city cannot now control.

3. Standardized support of health agencies. It has been accepted in this province under the Quebec Public Charities Act that when certain types of institutions are approved by the Government, they are entitled to a per capita per diem allowance. This rate of payment was based on the assumption that the 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