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Health Conference in Ottawa: Provincial health education officers are meeting Dominion health department officials at Ottawa today and tomorrow and the 50th semi-annual meeting of the Dominion Council of Health opens in the capital Wednesday. Deputy Health Ministers of the nine provinces will attend the Council discussions as well as representatives of labour, agriculture and public health organizations.

Among subjects to be discussed are reported cancer "cures", the shortage of nurses, venereal diseases control, Canadian representation in the world health organization and the incidence of poliomyelitis and amoebic dysentery in Canada this year. Dr. G.D.W. Cameron, Deputy Minister of the Dominion Health Department, will be chairman. (CP)

Forecasts Housing Improvement Next Year: D.B. Mansur, president of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, has predicted in an address at Oshawa, Ont., that there will be an improvement in supplies of building materials throughout Canada in 1947. He said the government was taking steps to increase production of necessary materials. (CP)

Hospital Treatment for Veterans: Veterans Minister Mackenzie reports that the number of patients in Veterans Affairs Department Hospitals and homes and in other hospitals under contract has increased by 48 per cent since VJ-Day. The total was 8,805 on August 11, 1945, and 13,020 on October 12, 1946. During the same period normal bed space in D.V.A. installations increased from 9,416 to 15,223, an increase of 61 per cent.

Date for Boyer Trial Set: At the opening of the November Assizes in Montreal, the date for the trial of Dr. Raymond Boyer was set for January 23. Dr. Boyer, McGill University chemistry professor and wartime member of the National Research Council staff, is charged with conspiracy and contravention of the Official Secrets Act. At liberty on bail of \$15,000, he pleaded not guilty and elected trial before a French-speaking jury on arraignment at a previous term of the court. (CP)

Progressive Conservatives to Contest By-election: Progressive Conservative leader John Bracken has announced that his party will contest the by-election in Richelieu-Verchères next December 23. "Richelieu-Verchères has been Liberal for 50 years and there is the temporary handicap that we have no semblance of organization there yet, but we are a national party and we will be in the fight," he said. (CP)

Gleanings: The Royal Commission which is to enquire into the production and distribution of milk in Ontario will begin its sittings November 18....In the first graduating ceremonies since before the war, 25 "mounties" have been made full-flédged members of the R.C.M.P.....Ralph B. McKibbin has been named Deputy Chief of the Securities Department of the Bank of Canada succeeding Gerard Gingras, who has retired to enter a Montreal firm....Brig. J.E. Ganong of Toronto has been elected president of the Canadian Infantry Association...Gordon C. Edwards, 79, former Liberal member of Parliament for Ottawa and prominent businessman, died suddenly at his home Saturday.