

I hesitate to single out individual hospitals for purposes of illustration but I think at once of two outstanding institutions in this city of Montreal -- the St. Jean de Dieu Hospital which has received some three-quarters of a million dollars in federal funds for the employment of staff, the purchase of equipment and for other purposes; and the Montreal General Hospital which has received very substantial federal assistance in the establishment of psychiatric treatment facilities.

This city has, of course, displayed impressive leadership in the mental health field. We have but to think of the activities of this Rotary Club, of the work of the Montreal Mental Hygiene Institute, or of men like Dr. Ewan Cameron and others who are carrying out research and treatment activities in such institutions as the Allan Memorial Institute and in the universities. Indeed, one of the representatives of this city in the House of Commons, my good friend, Mr. Claude Richardson, M.P., has even now on the Order Paper of Parliament a Resolution urging continued action on this very important health problem.

Time does not permit a complete review of the manner in which the federal funds available have been used by the provinces to improve their mental health services. A few highlights, however, will serve to give some indication of the progress that has been made over the past eight years:

- Complete health surveys have been undertaken in each province to study existing services and to uncover unmet needs in this and other health fields.
- When the National Health Program began, there were less than 20 mental health clinics in all of Canada. Today there are over 130 out-patient services and mental health clinics.
- Eight years ago, few, if any, general hospitals included psychiatric units. Today there are services of this kind in 44 hospitals.
- Federal grants have enabled no less than 1,209 psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, social workers, and other professional mental health personnel to receive needed professional training.
- In order that bursary holders and others undergoing specialized training could be trained adequately and rapidly, substantial grants have been allocated to universities and other centres to expand their training facilities.
- A tremendous stimulus has been given to mental health research.
- In 1948 only two research projects were receiving federal assistance, totalling \$1,000. For the current fiscal year, 58 research projects have been approved under the Mental Health Grant and federal financial assistance totals more than \$527,000.
- Altogether in addition to the Mental Health Grant itself, assistance totalling some \$20,000,000 has been available under the Hospital Construction Grant to help provide more than 14,000 additional hospital beds for the mentally ill.