

be disseminated far and wide and in an understandable way. Never before the immediate past has such a practical change of sentiment been observed as that demonstrated by the women of Ontario who recently appeared before large mixed audiences and discussed venereal diseases with the object of furthering the educational campaign against them.

Perhaps it is in respect to this subject that the greatest amount of co-operation has been manifested as between legislative bodies and individual workers and just as it was found how greatly the efficiency of the armies in the great war was reduced by venereal diseases, so too has the inefficiency and economic waste resulting in civil life from these diseases been recognized. It is indeed most gratifying to find that the Federal Government is assisting the provincial government and that the latter have set about to inaugurate facilities for early diagnosis and treatment with some degree of compulsion. The menace to the State from venereal diseases is so real and of such magnitude that the State can well afford to contribute even large sums of the people's money to combat an enemy so widespread, so insidious in its activities and so deadly in its results.

Almost a year ago a Federal Department of Health was established and a little later there was appointed to the department as Deputy Minister, Dr. John Amyot of Toronto, formerly professor of hygiene at Toronto University and whose distinguished service overseas in respect to the conservation of the health of the armies was well recognized.

It might be said without fear of contradiction that this is the most notable example in the knowledge of the medical profession of Ontario in which a man has been chosen by the Government at Ottawa to fill an important position mainly because he was the most capable man that could be found.

Some idea of the work that is being assumed by this department may be gained from a letter received from the Deputy Minister in reply to one from the writer.

This indicates a broad and comprehensive organization with specialization in many branches by the establishment of many important divisions. Through the Quarantine Division it is hoped to protect the country against the entrance of the graver infectious diseases. The physically, mentally and socially undesirable are excluded through the Immigration Division. The sick and distressed and ship-wrecked mariners are looked after by the Division of Marine Services and the health conditions of all workers on all government and near government public works through the Preservation of Health on Public Works Division.

There is a Leprosy Division for treating and segregating all leprosy cases.