

fundamental equipment of a sound mind in a sound body. The state, is, I believe, definitely responsible for assisting towards this fundamental equipment for equal opportunity.

I am of the opinion that progress along these lines, that is, progress in providing sound minds in sound bodies, now awaits the time when our provincial and municipal governments shall make the necessary expenditures upon public health work. There is a limit to the extent to which it can even be reasonably expected that private health organizations will be provided with funds by generous citizens to carry on work which is definitely and unquestionably the responsibility, indeed, one of the first responsibilities of the state.

I have nothing but words of praise for what the state has done and for the commendable efforts of public officials who seek to give service without sufficient funds or personnel. I congratulate the Provincial Government on the increased activity of its Bureau of Health, particularly on its county demonstration units. I congratulate the City Council of Montreal on having provided the Health Department with the necessary laws to secure for us safe milk and pure food. But - and there is a very large BUT - not nearly enough has been done, nor is being done. We do not expect an ideal situation, but we do expect to be on a health level with other large cities; we do expect that human life shall be safeguarded as thoroughly and efficiently in Montreal as in any city in the world.

There is nothing secret about health work. The prevention of disease is nothing more or less than the practical application of scientific knowledge, which we have at our disposal, to the end that preventable diseases may be prevented. To this end, the Directors of the Health League make certain definite proposals as to responsibilities which they believe the state should be immediately prepared to assume.