

in 1946. Dr. Brock Chisholm, who headed the Canadian delegation to the Paris and New York Conferences, and who had done much to foster a new and imaginative organization, was elected Secretary of the Interim Commission and subsequently became the first Director-General of the WHO, a post he held from 1948 to 1953.

Canadian delegations have participated in all the annual Health Assemblies. In 1952, 1956 and again in 1962, the World Health Assembly elected Canada as one of the eight states to designate members to the Executive Board. The Canadian nominees were elected to the chairmanship of the Board in 1958 and 1963.

Canada has made substantial contributions of technical and professional personnel who serve the WHO at headquarters and on field projects and who place their special knowledge at the disposal of the Expert Committees. A large number of Canadian nurses, doctors and other scientific personnel are at present engaged in programmes for the improvement of health conditions in widely-scattered parts of the world. Many more have completed their assignments and are now back in Canada.

Canada also contributes to the work of the Organization by providing the facilities of its medical and nursing schools, as well as hospitals and health centres, for the training of technical and scientific personnel from other countries, and by making known the results of advanced research and knowledge in a variety of medical fields.

Canadian health planners and administrators, in turn, benefit from the programmes and research carried on in other member countries concerning health problems similar to Canada's own -- such as accident prevention, rehabilitation of the physically disabled, prevention of mental illness, cancer and heart disease. Canadians are granted fellowships enabling them to visit other countries to study the measures adopted there; or they may obtain information about such methods from the reports of the Expert Committees. Moreover, Canada benefits, with all other countries, from the general services of universal interest carried out by the Organization in the epidemiological and statistical analysis of disease trends, the adoption of international sanitary and quarantine regulations and the promulgation of internationally accepted standards for biological and pharmaceutical products.

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