

MEMORANDUM *re* MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Your memorialists submit that:

1. The present wasteful and inefficient system, by which the responsibility for the nation's health is divided up among so many departments, is to be deplored.

2. That the unification and control of all machinery for such work, both central and local, which is for the maintenance of health and the provision of treatment for the people, is essential.

3. That the establishment of a Ministry of Health, with a Central Health Department, is essential to this end, and that it should include provision for and control of:

- (a) Sanatoria and treatment of tuberculosis
- (b) Provision of isolation hospitals and control of contagious diseases
- (c) Prevention and cure of venereal diseases
- (d) Administration of the Vaccination Acts
- (e) School hygiene and inspection of children
- (f) Supervision of state-provided medical services and state-supported institutions
- (g) Maternity and child welfare work
- (h) Medical research and provision of laboratories
- (i) Control of public water supplies, gathering grounds, etc.
- (j) Housing and town planning
- (k) Sewerage, drainage and abatement of nuisances, etc.
- (l) Ship sanitation and hygiene
- (m) Sanitary control of emigrants and immigrants
- (n) Railway hygiene
- (o) Milk supply and food inspection
- (p) Factory and workshop inspection, hours of work, factory welfare work
- (q) Compilation of vital statistics
- (r) Public health legislation.

4. That the continuous increase of duties placed upon local sanitary authorities by infant welfare centres, school clinics, tuberculosis dispensaries, venereal diseases, clinics, etc., suggests the time as ripe for a considerable extension of these powers and duties in the direction of an increased provision of medical treatment, or the inauguration of a state medical service, as a part of the general public health organization of the country.

Vital
Statistics
Essential

Such are the chief features of the memorandum, which may properly serve to summarize what our statistical and economic study of the situation has shown to be necessary as regards conserving the man-power of Canada. At the basis of this work lies a comprehensive and modern system of vital