

The total program has been enthusiastically received, and accepted by all provinces. To assure that federal leadership and assistance are organized on as strong a basis as possible, Dr. F. W. Jackson, former Deputy Minister of Health of Manitoba and one of the ablest of the provincial health officers, has been brought into the Department of National Health and Welfare as Director of Health Insurance Studies, in which capacity he will implement the program. His proven ability and long experience in provincial health work will be invaluable during the exploratory period that lies ahead, and form an effective guarantee that the viewpoint of the provinces will be strongly represented in all federal planning.

We appreciate the many difficulties, both seen and unseen, that remain to be solved. As in the past we will rely heavily on the experience and advice of the great voluntary agencies and associations of professional workers, and on the assistance that is always so generously given by the United States Public Health Service and the Federal Security Agency.

With this aid the success of the program should be assured. The foundation on which it has been built is strong and, we feel, well designed. The co-operative planning that is now going on, not only between the federal and provincial departments but between the provinces and the voluntary agencies, is encouraging evidence of the stimulation that has been provided to the whole structure of Canadian health services.

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