

Memorandum for Sir Arthur Currie

Arguments in support of requests:-

- (1) No city has found it possible to carry on a health programme on a 40 cents per capita annual expenditure. Many cities are spending double this amount. So the increase asked for is reasonable.
- (2) That there is a need for increased health work is evidenced by the fact that Montreal's general mortality, infant mortality and tuberculosis death rates are high as compared with those of other cities of comparable size.
- (3) That money spent on health work is a good expenditure, because wherever it is properly expended, there follows a diminution in the amount of preventable diseases and the number of deaths.
- (4) The City Council is to be congratulated upon the health by-laws recently enacted, and we trust the one now being considered, covering restaurants and other public eating-places, will be approved. The enforcement of these by-laws requires a trained staff. Just how many, no one knows as well as Dr. Boucher, the Director of the Department, in whom we have the greatest confidence. He should be given the number and type of employees he requires and then be held responsible for the work of his department.
- (5) City Bacteriologist is needed to aid in the control of communicable diseases, the control of the milk and other food supplies of the city, or, in other words, to make possible more complete and better work by the other divisions of the Department.
- (6) Maintenance of Staff. To carry on effectively and efficiently, it is necessary that work be planned in advance. This means that one must know what resources, money and staff will be available. Vacancies on the