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AN EDITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FROM CANADA

The Canadian Public Health Journal has published the following acknowledgment and appreciation of contributions made for the training of public health physicians and nurses in Canada.

Vital Contributions in the Training of
Public Health Personnel in Canada

During the past twenty years the International Health Division of The Rockefeller Foundation, truly international in its conception and operation, has established schools of hygiene in eight countries, including Canada. To make possible the attendance of suitably qualified, professionally trained workers, fellowships in public health have been generously provided. The extent of this great contribution to the advancement of public health can be expressed in terms of the number of essential personnel trained for health departments and in terms of the expenditures that have been made, but the far-reaching influence of the contribution cannot be measured. Physicians, nurses, dentists, public health engineers, and others essential to the forwarding of public health have been trained and assisted to make vital contributions. The value of the full-time county health unit in meeting the problem of adequate local health services was early demonstrated by the International Health Division through assisting in the organization of full-time health units in the southern United States. This contribution of The Rockefeller Foundation has advanced the movement for the improvement of rural health services in many lands. In 1925 the Foundation made possible the establishing in Canada of a school of hygiene similar to the schools which had been established at Harvard and Johns Hopkins universities. Since 1928 The Rockefeller Foundation has awarded fellowships in public health to physicians and nurses in Canada, on the recommendation of the Provincial Medical Officers of Health. During the past fourteen years one hundred and five fellowships have been granted to physicians for study at the School of Hygiene, University of Toronto. Generous assistance was also given in the establishing of the School of Nursing in the University of Toronto in 1933.

To further the training of public health personnel in Canada, particularly of physicians, the Connaught Laboratories, University of Toronto, similarly provides fellowships in public health. To date forty-nine fellowships have been awarded to physicians named by Provincial Departments of Health and on terms comparable to those pertaining to the fellowships awarded by the Foundation.

To assist in meeting the emergency created by the war in the demand for trained public health personnel, the W. K. Kellogg Foundation is making

grants to the School of Hygiene and the School of Nursing, University of Toronto, to provide scholarships for exceptional students who otherwise would not be able to enter the field of public health. The Kellogg Foundation was organized in 1930 under a charter which provides for "the formulation of a comprehensive and well-organized undertaking to improve the health, happiness, and well-being of mankind, especially children", and under the leadership of its first President and General Director, the late Dr. Stuart Pritchard, broad programs were developed. The Foundation is making available to almost one hundred and fifty schools of public health, medicine, nursing, and dentistry in the United States and Canada, substantial sums which are in the nature of gifts. The funds may be used for loans to students, thus constituting a continuing fund, or for scholarships. The only restriction specified is that the scholarships for students in public health shall not amount to more than eight hundred dollars for any student in any one year. Assistance is also being provided for undergraduate students in medicine, and grants have already been made to several of the Faculties of Medicine in our Canadian universities. This action of the Kellogg Foundation in generously extending its benefactions to Canadian universities will be received with great appreciation by those who are concerned with the urgent needs which face us in Canada, and particularly by our public health leaders.

When the story of the progress of public health in Canada in the past decade is written, the benefactions of The Rockefeller Foundation, the participation of the Connaught Laboratories, and the assistance of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation in making possible the training of public health personnel in Canada, will form an important part.

The appropriations made by The Rockefeller Foundation to the University of Toronto for the purposes mentioned in this editorial have totaled \$1,672,020. These gifts included: for the School of Nursing, \$352,404 for its support and endowment; for the School of Hygiene and Public Health, \$400,000 to provide buildings, \$387,500 toward endowment, and \$32,116 for the employment of additional faculty members, to provide field training facilities, and to support certain researches in nutrition. In addition 155 International Health Division fellowships have been granted to Canadians since the program was inaugurated in 1920, and of these 125 studied at Toronto, the others in outside universities.