

Mental Health Questionnaire Survey Proves Successful Here

About twenty residents of Indian Head pooled their energies to make the first day of the Canadian Mental Health Association project an unqualified success. Representing the Canadian Legion, the Home and School League, the A.O.T.S. group and the Good Will club, this group attempted to put a social attitudes Questionnaire in the hands of every adult citizen of Indian Head. Response for the most part was reported as good with remarkably few refusals to answer the questionnaire being recorded by those making the contacts. The greatest loss will be due to absence of a substantial number of people from their homes due to harvesting operations.

Some of the group were not able to pick up all questionnaires for a variety of reasons. These are valuable to the project workers and they would appreciate if anyone who is able would leave these for Dr. Cumming at the Imperial Hotel.

At the same time the five members of the interviewing staff, Miss Mary Morrison, Mrs. Mary Agnew, Miss Betty Hauser, Mr. Vincent Mehinel and Mr. Geoffrey Glover, began a series of more intensive interviews with selected people. These interviews will continue for the remainder of the week. The interview group were delighted with

the friendly response of the people of Indian Head and with their willingness to co-operate. Their work they said was merely to go further in the recording of opinions which was begun with the questionnaire. They emphasized that there was no right or wrong answers to their questions and they hoped that people would view the interview as a friendly exchange of views. As one interviewer remarked "this is a field in which none of us are experts."

Dr. John Cumming, field director of the project, expressed his pleasure at the successful launching of the project. He said that it was hoped that this week would lay a factual basis for all sorts of group and individual discussions during the coming winter in Indian Head. He emphasized that the Canadian Mental Health Association would be delighted to work with any group who were interested in the very broad field of mental health and personal relationships. Several groups had already mentioned projects related to mental health for the winter months, Dr. Cumming reported, and he hoped that this could be expanded so that the winter program could truthfully be termed a community project.