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At this point I do not have much to report. Summer was very quiet and very little activity of any kind took place in this area. Lauretta and I spent about two and one weeks in Ireland in mid September so we are just getting back to normal now. Following the press I do note that more and more organizations are beginning to press for a pharmacare program. In this end of the country the nurse’s union and the public service union have made presentations to government officials on this topic. We will no doubt continue to ally ourselves with like minded groups for this cause. All provinces of Canada have now signed a Health Accord with the federal government. We, however, will continue to press for a federal plan that covers all of our nation.