

This Charter, among other things, appoints that every one who has contributed to the funds of the Hospital, or who shall contribute, £5 or more, and who shall pay annually £1 or more, shall be a Member of the Corporation, and have a right to vote at the annual election of Governors. Every one who has contributed, or shall contribute, £25 or more, and who shall pay annually £3 or more, shall be a Governor for life. Every one who has contributed, or shall contribute, £10, and less than £25, and who shall pay annually £2 or more, may be elected a Governor. There shall be, for the present, of Governors annually elected, thirteen; but as soon as the Governors for life shall be less than thirteen, then a greater number of Governors shall be elected, so that the whole number of Governors, including those for life, resident in Montreal, shall not be less than twenty-six. The votes shall be in the ratio of the sum contributed, that is, one vote for every £5, so that no one have more than ten votes.

The Directors (who by the Charter are called Governors), before the patients were removed from the temporary Hospital, appointed a Committee to draw up Rules and Regulations for the better government of the Members, Officers, Servants, and Patients. These Rules, after being submitted to the Directors, were appointed by them to be the Rules and Regulations for the Hospital. These continued in force until the Charter was obtained, when another Committee was appointed to revise them, and to make such alterations in them as experience might point out, and conformity with the Charter might require. The Rules and Regulations, so revised, were laid before a meeting of the Governors duly convened for that purpose, on the 26th of April last, and, after being approved by them, were established and ordained to be the By-Laws, Regulations and Statutes of the Corporation of the Montreal General Hospital.

In conclusion, it is highly satisfactory to be able to state, both from the Reports of the Committee of Management and from the observations of the Visiting Governors, that the Medical Officers have shown the greatest zeal and assiduity in everything relating to their department; that the wards have at all times been found neat and clean, and every attention given to the comfort of the patients. The Committee of Management has sincerely endeavoured to promote the good of the Institution: how it has succeeded, it is not for the writer of this Report to decide; wherein it has failed in the discharge of the important duties devolved upon it, the candid will no doubt admit, as an excuse, its inexperience, and the difficulty attending the organizing a new institution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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