

Mr. Mayor.

Your Worship and Gentlemen.

My first duty is to express, on behalf of this delegation, to you Mr. Mayor, and the members of the Executive Council, our sincere thanks for this interview. This delegation appears before you under the auspices of the Montreal Anti Tuberculosis and General Health League; an institution at whose birth you Mr. Mayor presided. You have, no doubt, maintained touch with what that group has done and is trying to do to improve general health conditions in Montreal. We have maintained our ideal of being non-sectarian, non-racial, non-political. ~~We work in~~ our membership comprises Catholics, Protestant, Jew, those whose mother tongue is French, and those who speak the English language. Our health centres are two, one in the French speaking community and the other in the English speaking community. We are influenced by no motive save that of helping to raise the standard of health of this city. In that work we feel we have the sympathies and support of you Mr. Mayor and the members of the City Council.

An eminent statesman once said that that health of the nation is the first responsibility of the statesman. It is also the first responsibility and the first duty of the Mayor and Council of Montreal.