

MONTREAL ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS AND GENERAL HEALTH LEAGUE

Directors' Meeting

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Montreal Anti-Tuberculosis and General Health League held at the city of Montreal on October 28th, 1925, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Present:-
Mr. Michael Hirsch,
Dr. L. deL. Harwood,
Dr. W.H. Atherton,
Dr. E.J.C. Kennedy,
Dr. A. Grant Fleming.

The secretary reported that a notice calling the meeting had been posted to all directors on October 21st. Dr. J. Roddick Byers and Dr. Helen R.Y. Reid had notified the secretary that they would be unable to attend.

In the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman, Mr. Michael Hirsch occupied the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting having been forwarded to all directors were taken as read and adopted.

The directors approved in general of a plan suggested for an essay competition on Health, the letter to each child concerning the competition being so prepared that the part carrying the Health Rules could be detached and used as a book-plate. The secretary was instructed to interview the proper school authorities to determine whether or not they would approve of the plan and assist in such a competition.

The Board also approved, as part of the proposed Health Speakers Service, of the expenditure of up to \$500.00 on the preparation of a film which would treat of Montreal health activities, particularly those of the League, and which would be constructed so as to educate in regard to the need for early diagnosis and proper treatment of Tuberculosis, as well as for preventive work among children.

A letter was read from Mr. D.H. Scott, superintendent of the Old Brewery Mission, in which he expressed appreciation of the work done by the nurse of the League at their summer camp.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was resolved that the managing-director call a meeting of representatives from summer camps which offer an outing to mothers, to discuss with them the suggestion that the Health League offer to pay half the salary of the camp nurse on condition that she be a qualified public health nurse. Also, that she be given the necessary time and opportunity in the camp to teach and demonstrate health, and that this part of her work be done according to the direction of the Health League.

It was duly moved, seconded and carried that, whereas it has been satisfactorily demonstrated that diphtheria can be prevented by immunization, and as this disease has been the cause of 573 deaths during the past four years in Montreal,

- (1) The managing-director be instructed to carry on an educational campaign in order that this knowledge be brought to the people;
- (2) He prepare a plan for offering this immunization in the League Health Centres. That this plan be submitted to Doctors Martin and Harwood, who are appointed a committee to act in this matter;
- (3) It is understood that this plan has been approved by the Health Officer, and that the co-operation of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company be accepted.