

February 22nd, 1929. A detailed report under eight heads was presented to the Protestant Committee. The report was adopted and the Sub-Committee was continued, with instructions to interview the Government as to the best methods of carrying out the report.

During March and April a Government Bill was introduced into the Legislature and adopted, providing for the organization and management of the special classes.

At the May meeting of the Protestant Committee in Montreal the members of the school boards on the Island of Montreal were invited to be present to hear an address from Dr Sinclair on the subject of Retarded Children.

On the following day, May 18th, your Sub-Committee had an interview with the Protestant Board of School Commissioners of Montreal, Dr Sinclair being present. On June 5th the P.B.S.C. held a special meeting to consider the question of retarded children, and decided to open two Special Classes in September following.

June 13th. An interview was arranged with Premier Taschereau, the situation explained to him, and a letter left with the Premier setting forth the requirements of these classes.

June 21st. A letter was received from the Premier stating that the sum of \$1500. had been provided for these classes.

In all these negotiations your Sub-Committee has been mindful of the very valuable report presented by Miss Derrick and adopted by the Protestant Committee in October, 1928, as will appear from the following extract from a letter addressed to Premier Taschereau in June last:-

"We are deeply grateful for the active support you have given to this movement in favor of backward children. We have had the advantage in this movement of the leadership of Professor Carrie Derrick of McGill University, one of our members, who has taken a prominent part in all Canadian movements in this connection, and whose comprehensive and valuable report presented to the Protestant Committee last year aroused the Committee to a serious study of this whole question."

The foregoing outline indicates that very creditable progress has been made in this important movement during the first year of practical work. The whole situation has been carefully investigated. An Enabling Act has been secured by the Legislature. An annual grant in aid has been secured by the Government. Four selected teachers have been trained for this work; four Special Classes for Retarded Children have been organized under the Special Act.

A good beginning has been made, but much remains to be done. A series of regulations governing the organization and management of these classes will require to be formulated, and arrangements made for the establishment of Special Classes in other large centres in the Province.

Respectfully submitted,

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