

**CHILD WELFARE
IN MONTREAL**

Thirty Baby Health Centres Radiate Benefits—A Milk Campaign for Children Under Weight.

(Edith Haslam in Montreal Gazette)
What a terrible indictment against modern civilization is the fact that its sciences are further developed for the slaughter of humans than for the welfare of its children. Surely the citizens of Montreal are alive to the practical value of the thirty Baby Health Centres, thirteen maintained by the City Health Department, seven by an independent body of French citizens and ten by the Child Welfare Association. The plan of work at the city health centres is founded on a very sound basis and strikes an experienced worker as having been planned with the idea of getting to the busy mother of a family that instruction as to how to keep her baby well with as little absorption of her time as possible. The nurse who sees the school-age child also sees at the baby clinic the baby, and offers the pre-school age child—and her home visit includes interest in and advice about all these children—and often prenatal advice is included, thus reducing the number of visitors to one. Provided the nurse has the necessary positive point of view and has replaced health by any tendency to sickness her mental process may have acquired in her hospital training—she must radiate health, she must have an immense sympathy for mothers of all grades, she must love children and be possessed of a very definite practical knowledge of all the simple common sense health habits for mothers, babies and children. She soon becomes a friend of the families in her district; they instinctively look to

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her for advice and help in their problems of baby hygiene. She corrects diet and clothing for the other children and often the fathers will talk to the nurse about their own health. She must be a sort of health information bureau and know where each member can get treatment for all sorts of ills. At first heads of families regard all this as "new fangled notions," etc., and the nurse has the responsibility of replacing this want of knowledge with facts. The French nurses doing this work in Montreal have a weekly lecture from the doctors who are making the inspection of schools, and who attend the baby health centres, so that they are kept in touch with modern ideas and work under standardized medical direction. The English health centres are aiming at standardisation this year, and are looking forward to extending their scope. At present only a few of them are carrying on any activity other than the well baby clinic. One has a vigorous class of older girls who have been formed into a little mothers' league. The eager interest shown by these girls is most encouraging, and it is hoped that every English health centre will develop this invaluable branch of the work for better babies. The girls learn the vital importance of natural feeding, suitable clothing, good ventilation and all those simple health rules which babies need to keep them well. All the French centres have organized these classes and literature is supplied by the health depart-

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POLE PAID \$3,900 FOR MONEY PRESS
It Failed to Turn Out Same Kind of Bills After Friends Had Departed—An Age-worn Trick.

(Toronto Mail and Empire)
Wiser, but minus \$3,900, representing savings which he had accumulated during the past couple of years, Andrew Shenal, a middle-aged Pole, living at 199 Duchesne street, last night at police headquarters unfolded a heart-throbbing tale of how he had been cleverly victimized by three confidence men, Shenal is employed in a glass works in Carlaw avenue. On Sunday last he was introduced to the confidence men, two of whom claimed relationship. They went so far as to recall the names of relatives of Shenal in Poland. Figuring he had stumbled upon distant relatives, all of whom were Poles, Shenal asked them to become a partner in a business they intended launching in opposition to the Mint at Ottawa. Having satisfied the trio that he was in position to produce part of the capital if they had a practical invention, Shenal expressed a desire to see the wonder "money press" in operation. The odd-looking machine, composed of two pieces of narrow board about eight inches in length, held together by inch bolts at either end, was produced, also a bottle containing a rare liquid, known as the "mystery chemical". Shenal told the police that his friends worked fast. Sitting on the side of a bed they showed him how to operate the machine. A one-dollar note was placed on the bottom board. On top of it was placed a sheet of paper, the size of the bill. Five genuine bills and a similar number of pieces of paper of a special linen type were used for the initial test.

Each layer was soaked with the "mystery chemical." The press was then placed beneath a mattress. In order that Shenal might learn something of the practical side of the operation he was selected to sit on the mattress while the chemical transformed the blank paper into real money; the whole operation taking fifteen minutes. Shenal was invited to join the party in a smoke. Cigars were produced and Shenal slipped out of the kitchen to get a match. While he was away a duplicate machine, containing twelve brand new one-dollar bills, was substituted for the one under the mattress. Shenal was asked to open the "Money Press" and to his surprise he discovered that it turned out real money. Forthwith Shenal agreed to invest \$3,900 and promptly closed his savings account in the Union Trust Company and Royal Banks in the neighborhood.

After handing over the money the inventor told Shenal that he had pressed for the \$3,900 for the reason that he wanted to make \$8,000 before leaving for Russia, where he hoped to dispose of the invention to a group of Soviet friends. Shenal told the police that before investing the money his friends had afforded him the opportunity of taking the new bills to any bank manager to inspect. In return for his money Shenal was given

one of the machines and a bundle of paper, and a bottle of the solution. The machine was refilled, supposedly with dollar bills, and paper, the supply this time being tripled, which naturally required longer time for the "mystery chemical" to properly saturate the paper. Placing the apparatus under the bed, Shenal was instructed to sit on the mattress for at least 35 minutes. Two of the "con" men decided to deposit the money in the bank, leaving their friend to assist Shenal. The third man left a little later by way of a window.

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