

This circumstance took place in the winter of 1818-19, and had a most powerful effect in promoting the general wish, that the great desideratum (a place for the reception of indigent sick) should be supplied. From the expenses of this miniature establishment, the managers of it were enabled to estimate the sum requisite for an institution of such an extent as the population of the city required. And although they found at that period no source from which they could expect a fund adequate to this; from the charitable exertions which had been made the previous fall by the citizens, the committee justly inferred that by an appeal to the feelings of the benevolent, through the medium of charity sermons, by subscription lists sent round the city for the same purpose, and other charitable donations they might receive from casual occurrences, they would be enabled to establish and support an hospital upon a more extensive scale than the one at present. The Protestant Clergymen of the City, some of the most eminent medical practitioners, connected with a few of the citizens who had already acted as the committee in the establishment of the soup kitchen and house of recovery, finding their way thus clear for the attainment of their object on a more enlarged scale, hired a house for the purpose in that part of the city called Craig Street. This was soon fitted up with the necessary articles of furniture; and an additional quantity of Barrack-bedding was procured by an application to His Excellency the Governor in Chief. This building consisted of three wards capable of containing about twenty-four patients; and it was so arranged, that a nearer approach to a classification of them could be made, than in the former very confined building. A meeting of the citizens was called by public advertisement; a committee for managing the institution was appointed; a house-keeper and other attendants engaged. At the same time, a certain number of directors or visiting members were chosen, two of whom took the duty of visiting the hospital weekly in rotation. The medical department was placed under the direction of four professional gentlemen who attended monthly in rotation; one of them at the same time acted as a house surgeon, and attended daily in case of accidents.

This house was prepared for the reception of patients; and on the first of May, 1819, such as were in the house of recovery together with the little property belonging to that establishment were removed into it.

Soon after, a meeting of those who had subscribed for its support was called by public advertisement; when it was determined for the better managing the Institution that a code of rules and regulations should be drawn up. This duty was referred to a Committee chosen at the time who drew up the following rules which were afterwards submitted to a second general meeting and approved of.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.

1st. The management of the Institution shall be invested in a Board of 36 Directors, or more if necessary, of whom one shall be a President, 7 Vice-Presidents, one Treasurer and one Secretary.