

MONTREAL ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS AND GENERAL HEALTH LEAGUE

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This, the fifth annual report, is presented by the directors as an account of their stewardship for the past four years.

The Montreal Anti-Tuberculosis and General Health League was organized at a meeting held on March 24, 1924. In October of the same year, an office was opened.

The formation of the League was the expression of a desire to improve health conditions in Montreal. To the Right Honourable Lord Atholstan we owe, in the words of our Chairman, "not only the broad conception of this organization, but the munificent financial backing which made its creation possible", and, ~~so may add, its continuance.~~

In previous annual reports, details and statistics of the Health League's work were presented and, therefore, they are not repeated here.

During 1928, the staff were fully occupied with completion of the Health Survey, with maintenance of the French Health Centre, and with Popular Health Instruction.

The Directors desire to record, in this report, ^a brief review of the activities of the Health League, the large measure of success which has attended the work, as well as to present certain recommendations for the consideration of the members.

The activities of the Health League should be considered in the light of the purpose of the undertaking, which was clearly expressed in our first annual report in these words: "The function of a voluntary agency, such as ours, is to assist in developing a public opinion which will first create the demand for, and second, enable the municipal authorities to undertake, a reasonable health programme; for it is our understanding that Health is a responsibility of the State and, therefore, a voluntary health agency has a place in assisting, but not in relieving the State of its health responsibilities."

The whole work of the Health League has centred around the one idea of increasing public interest in health work. ^{and so} Today we find:-

1. The public interest is greater than ever before;
2. There is also very distinct evidence of a general desire for improved conditions;
3. Unmistakable signs that the public and the authorities are considering health as an official responsibility;