

MONTREAL ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS AND GENERAL HEALTH LEAGUE

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Health League, held on Monday, December 6th, 1926, at four-thirty in the afternoon.

Present:-

Sir Arthur W. Currie,
Dr. E.J.G. Kennedy,
Dr. J. Roddick Byers,
Mr. Louis S. Colwell,
Mr. Michael Hirsch,
Dr. A. Grant Fleming.

The secretary reported that a notice calling the meeting had been posted to all directors on November 30th. Dr. Helen R.Y. Reid and Dr. W.H. Atherton had notified the secretary of their inability to be present at the meeting.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and those of a special one having been forwarded previously to all directors were taken as read and adopted.

The secretary reported that the League's solicitor had advised that it was not necessary to insure in connection with accidents to employees, but that it was advisable to carry insurance in connection with immunization for the League's physician. This has been done.

The Chairman read a letter from Lord Atholstan, part of which read as follows:-

"I think a good deal of the League's work for the next two years should be devoted to stimulation of the provincial and municipal authorities. This would, of course, involve aggressive work - the showing-up of deficiencies, laxity of enforcement of the laws and descriptions of bad conditions as to prevalence of disease, bad housing, uncleanness, garbage dumping, etc. In this connection, how would it do to make a survey? To effect anything like needed reforms is too much for private philanthropy.

I will give the League \$25,000. for 1927. Mr. Homer has sent \$500. and there may be one or two other small amounts. I hope to be able to give \$25,000. for 1928."

Also, a letter from Sir Mortimer Davis, addressed to Lord Atholstan, part of which read:-

"I am in receipt of your communication referring to the Health League, which unquestionably is doing excellent work.

I have instructed my office to send you \$5,000. for 1927 and \$5,000. for 1928."

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had seen Lord Atholstan who had assured him that the \$25,000. for 1928 would be forthcoming. The thanks of the League has been expressed for these contributions.

The Chairman also informed the meeting that he had discussed its financial needs with certain people and that he had had an assurance that the budget for 1927 would be made up.

The report of the managing-director on health conditions in Montreal and the suggestions contained therein were next considered. This report had been sent to all directors. The directors accepted the report and approved of the suggestion that a copy be sent to the Director of the Health Department, requesting his action on the subjects referred to him in this report.

This report pointed out that money voted for health work in the Montreal budget was diverted into other channels. It was agreed that it be left to the Chairman to take up with the provincial authorities the question of an amendment to the city charter by which it would be made impossible to divert money passed in the budget for health work to other purposes.

It was moved by Mr. Louis Colwell and seconded by Dr. J. Roddick Byers that

WHEREAS the city laboratory is without the services of a bacteriologist since the death of the person holding that position four years ago, previous to which time, the position had been filled for thirty years, and

WHEREAS the filling of this position is urgent and necessary to assist in the protection of Montreal citizens by the control of communicable diseases, including tuberculosis, and for the ~~maximum~~ protection of the poor, who are unable to pay for bacteriological examinations at private laboratories, in cases where such examinations are necessary to