

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

October, 1911.

Madam President, Members of the Council,—

During the past season the subject of Infantile Mortality has been the chief object of study and work in the Hygiene Committee. Two well attended public meetings of the Council were held on this subject. At the first all the addresses were delivered by prominent French-Canadians, of whom several were medical men, one a milk inspector, and last, but not least, the Rev. Canon Lepaillieur, whose parish contains seven thousand inhabitants. A second meeting of the Council to consider the pure milk question was held later on, and Miss Phillips, of the Montreal Foundling and Baby Hospital, and Miss Moir, representing the V. O. N., gave very interesting reports, showing that work had been done for some years past to supply properly modified milk to sick infants, and to educate mothers with newborn infants. This work, though valuable, was very limited in area. A resolution was passed that a deputation from the Local Council of Women should approach the City Council to ask for a special grant to establish pure milk depots, where work, including milk supply, education of mothers, district visiting, relief, and all the other features embodied in such work in other large centres might be carried on. This deputation was successful, and as a result (\$1,500) fifteen hundred dollars was granted. With the one thousand dollars given from the tag day money, three pure milk depots, known as numbers one, two and three, of the Montreal Local Council of Women, were organized by your convener at the following places:—

No. 1.— 189 Dorchester West.

No. 2.—1888 Notre Dame St. West, St. Henry.

No. 3.— 251 Centre, Point St. Charles.

It was also the privilege of your Convener to bring into co-operation the laboratory work of the Montreal Foundling and Baby Hospital, the Victorian Order of Nurses, the University Settlement, the St. Andrew's Presbyterian (Westmount) Settlement, and the King's Daughters' Crèche. With the funds already alluded to and the unselfish co-operation of eighteen medical men it has been possible to perform a work for the last four months which rivals in results