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9 Coursol Street,  
Montreal, 8th May, 1925.

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Secretary-Superintendent,  
Protestant Board of School Commissioners,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

We desire to ask your Board to consider favourably the following suggestion:-

There are, in the schools under your control, a considerable number of children who are physically subnormal or malnourished. This condition is due in many cases to the fact that for some reason the child has not been able to live a life conforming to the necessary health standards. The physical condition of such children renders them poor subjects for fighting disease, and they therefore often become victims of diseases, particularly Tuberculosis.

We are anxious to see demonstrated here in Montreal that if such children are given special care in a day camp for three or four months, many of them will become physically normal. This will minimize the chance of their falling victims to disease, and, at the same time, makes it possible for them to benefit from their scholastic work.

The Child Welfare Association of Montreal have the use of a property on the north side of Dorchester St., West - the Stephens estate - which would be suitable for such a day camp, and they are, at our request, giving favourable consideration to taking part in demonstrating the possibilities and value of a day camp. When this is arranged, it will mean that several groups will be definitely interested and so better assure satisfactory results.

The children would consist of a group of approximately forty and would be selected with the assistance of the school principals and school medical inspection staffs. They would spend the entire day at the camp, and would be provided with a noon meal. Health would be the primary and essential object, but school work would be carried on.

If your Board approves of this plan, we would ask that they assist in the selection of pupils and contribute the following for this demonstration:-

- 2 Teachers for four months (six days a week) June September (incl.);
- School equipment for 2 teachers and 40 pupils - desks, blackboard, etc.;
- 1 Tent with floor, 25' X 40' approx.

The remaining equipment, food, etc., to be provided by the other participating organizations.

We would also ask that one or more members of the Board or executive staff be delegated to act on a committee with the other interested organizations.

Yours truly,

A. Grant Fleming, M. B.  
Secretary