

PROGRESS REPORT

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I. Basic data: demographical and industrial character of Montreal.

1. Appointment of Dr. Burrill. The Board of Trade having expressed their willingness, if an industrial survey of Montreal be undertaken, to repay the salary of an investigator, it has been possible to appoint to the research staff for a period of six months Dr. M. F. Burrill, of the University of Oklahoma, who made a geographical study of Montreal in 1929, and with whom in consequence the Director had been in touch, and was able to meet last term. The survey made and material collected by Dr. Burrill will be largely geographical and commercial, but an appreciable part of the work will cover the same ground as the survey of the industrial character of Montreal which is part of the necessary work to accompany unemployment studies.

This arrangement obviates the overlapping which would have occurred in the compilation of this type of data, and secures the benefit of Dr. Burrill's previous experience in Montreal. Further, the Civic Industrial Commission * besides the Board of Trade, is anxious that this data should be compiled, to be used by them for their own particular purposes; and the cooperation of both these bodies in the work of securing data is thereby assured.

2. Statistical and map work begun.

A start has now been made upon (1) demographical data available in the Census; (2) population statistics collected by the Bell Telephone Co., Montreal, Tramways, etc; (3) occupations statistics for Montreal, Censuses of 1911 and 1921; (4) industrial statistics obtained through Dominion Manufactures Censuses.

* The Commission has since arranged to pay the larger part of the cost, the Board of Trade now contributing the remainder.