

FRENCH CENTRE (cont.)

The following are extracts from the monthly reports of the French Centre:-

July 13, 1925 - I have much pleasure in addressing you the report of the activities of the French Centre for the month of June.

During the month, two appointments have been made by the University, that of Dr. Gaston deCotret to take charge of our pre-natal clinic and that of Dr. Gaston Lapierre for our pre-school age clinic. The attendance at these two clinics is very gratifying indeed. At the Well Baby clinic we have registered so far about 50% of the babies under one year living within the district. Renewed efforts will be made to increase that percentage during the present month.

The influence of the Centre has also been shown by the two following activities:-

A new medical society called "La Société d'Hygiène Infantile" has been organized during the month with Prof. Raoul Masson as President and myself as Secretary. With your approval, an effort will be made to enlist the co-operation of as many medical men as possible.

We have also received a letter from Dr. Lamoureux, Secretary of the "Bureau Central des Gouttes de Lait de Montréal", in which he asks that our nurses visit their Well Baby Centres to give them any advice or assistance which might seem desirable. Ways and means of acting on this invitation are being considered.

During the month of June, at the request of Dr. Wodehouse, Secretary of the Canadian Tuberculosis Association, I delivered lectures on Tuberculosis in Edmundston, Campbellton and Bathurst, N.B. I also attended the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Medical Society and it was my privilege to address the members on the subject of periodical medical examination.

August 11, 1925 - Enclosed please find the report of the work carried on by the French Centre during the month of July.

If we sum up the results obtained since the opening of the Centre, we obtain the following:-

The number of pre-natal cases registered is 63 or 23% of the yearly average number of births in the district; an increase of 6% during the month.

The number of babies of the district less than one year old under our surveillance is actually 166, or 77% of the possible number, an increase of 16% during the month.

Of all babies under 9 months attending our Well Baby Centre, 55% are breast-fed, an increase of 4% over the previous month.

The infant mortality rate of the district is 95 since the beginning of the year, and 85 for the first three months of our work.

September 8, 1925 - Enclosed please find the report for the month of August.

The number of babies under one year, living in the district and under our surveillance, is now 188, or 80% of the possible, an increase of 6% over the month of July.

The number of our pre-natal cases is now 71, or 26% of the average number of births in the district, an increase of 3% over July.

During the month, 7 deaths have occurred among the babies under 1 year old. This number