

3. DEMONSTRATIONS

French Centre:—The training and demonstration centre in which we are participating by providing the health centre and field staff will be under way next month. The location is 655 de Montigny Street East, and the area covered will take in the parish of St. Catherine which has a population of approximately 10,000.

One of the most urgent needs in connection with health work in this province is the trained worker. If our assistance does, as we believe it will, help materially in solving this problem, we can be satisfied that the League has made a real contribution to health work.

The centre will be under the direction of Dr. J. A. Baudouin, and we anticipate that we will be able to report to you, and prove by mortality tables, that applied health knowledge will give results here in Montreal as it has done elsewhere.

The members are asked personally to visit and see the work at any time.

The object of the demonstration is to show that a reasonable budget, properly spent, will practically guarantee certain health returns. We hope this will aid in persuading our citizens that such a budget should be placed at the disposal of the health department. At the present time we are receiving pretty much just what we are paying for, that is, a health service at the rate of forty-two cents per capita, instead of an expenditure of \$1.50 per capita, which is approximately the amount which the health department should have to expend on real health work.

English Centre:—Our English Centre, which will be conducted for the same purpose, is to be on Coursol Street, where our office will also be accommodated. We take over the place on May 1st, so that we should be actually under way in June.

In connection with our demonstrations, we will work closely with all other interested organizations, and endeavour to make the demonstrations useful in every way.

We expect that soon we will be in a position ourselves, or with others, to consider the subject of food and meat inspection. We have been approached concerning this work by those particularly interested.

The staff have been called upon to act on committees which have to do with health problems, and in this way assist in general health work.

Your directors decided to accept the invitation of the Montreal Council of Social Agencies to take out membership in the Council, it being clearly understood that the League intends to become associated with all groups of organizations interested in health work, when a similar opportunity offers.

In general, we feel that we have in our first five months inaugurated our programme, made definite progress in a few directions, and have reasonable hope of fulfilling the purpose for which we are organized.

I desire to express my thanks and appreciation to the many who have been so kind to me since joining the organization. Coming from outside, I have been impressed with this, and have realized, in a way that older citizens do not, that Montreal has a wonderful group of people interested in human welfare work. I would also like to add my appreciation of our own staff who are doing their best to make our plans realities.

A. GRANT FLEMING.

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