of the entire cost of the campaign administration cost. The record of six campaigns speaks for itself:—

	Objective	Raised
1923	$350,000	$406,092
1924	425,000	437,573
1925	465,000	475,068
1926	500,000	490,702
1927	535,000	531,928
1928	570,000	582,300

MEETINGS

Your board of directors has met on four occasions since the last annual meeting, receiving full reports from the executive committee. The executive committee has met on thirteen occasions and the thanks of your directors are due to them for their very close attention to the details of the work under the chairmanship of Mr. Andrew Fleming. Meetings have been well attended.

MEMBERSHIP

One application for membership has been received since the last annual meeting for inclusion in the 1929 budget, namely that of the Negro Community Centre Association. This application is now under consideration by the budget committee.

THE 1928 CAMPAIGN

Mr. F. D. Knowles will give you details of the campaign. Your directors desire, however, to record here their warm appreciation of his fine leadership, which was so ably responded to by his four vice-chairmen. Messrs. Henry Morgan, W. S. M. MacTier, Basil Nares and Walter Markham and by Mrs. Ross McMaster, chairman of the women's division.

In view of the large contributions to the hospital campaign, the passing of the $570,000 objective by $12,300 was a remarkable achievement.

STAFF REORGANIZATION

As announced in the report of your directors last year a reorganization and strengthening of the permanent staff was effected during the year. Mr. L. E. Brittle was relieved of the duties of secretary to the executive and budget committees of federation and enabled to devote his time almost exclusively to the work of the campaign committee for the six months previous to the campaign.

The preparatory work of the campaign under the general direction of vice-chairman, Mr. Basil Nares, was such as to relieve division chairman of much harrassing detail.

Miss Marion Ward was appointed as secretary to the executive and budget committees.

FEDERATION AND THE PUBLIC CHARITIES ACT

Your directors recognize fully that the policy of the Provincial Government and Municipal Government is to refrain from operating public charities and to give instead state aid to private charities.

In his report last year Mr. J. S. Brierley, then chairman of the budget committee referred to certain specific requests for amendment to the Public Charities Act which had been forwarded in the form of a petition to the Premier, the Hon. L. A. Taschereau. Your directors understand that their requests were not granted but that a subsequent appeal for an increase in the grant to the

[Mr. Howard T. Falk.]