

THE  
THIRD ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
FRESH-AIR FUND  
COMMITTEE,  
MONTREAL, 1889.

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*To the Subscribers and Friends of the Fresh-Air Fund :—*

We beg to submit a report of last season's work. The Fund was generously supported, the subscriptions covering the expenditure and leaving a small balance on hand. As a matter of fact, however, we could profitably have spent more money than was received, and should have done so had it been forthcoming in time. It might be explained that, until the close of the season, there was no means of accurately estimating the amount of funds to be depended upon. An estimate prepared on the 12th August did not warrant the expectation that we should have sufficient means to continue the work until the end of the month, as in former years. In consequence of this it was deemed advisable to arrange for the closing of the Home at Chambly on the 23rd, instead of at the end of the month. We greatly desired to avoid running into debt. Shortly afterwards, but too late to be turned to account, further subscriptions were received, hence the small balance on hand, which will prove very useful in providing additional furniture for the Home, if thought advisable. This experience must emphasize the importance, and indeed the necessity, if the work is to continue, of our friends sending in their subscriptions as early in the season as possible.

The first meeting was held at 165 St. James street, on June 4th ult., when the following gentlemen, interested in the Fresh-Air movement, organized the Committee for the season, viz. : The Reverends J. Nichols,