

If I occupied the exalted and honourable position which is yours today Mr. Mayor, and rightly yours because your fellow citizens have elected you to it, I think I would make my major effort in their behalf, - a determined endeavour to improve health conditions in this city our home. By doing so, I

- would be making the greatest contribution to their happiness, contentment and prosperity. If you wish to leave a worthy monument to your ability as civic administrator Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen, you can do it in no better way than going down to history as the men who made Montreal the healthiest city on this continent.

And Gentlemen it is not so now. - far from it. Let us be frank and honest with ourselves. No possible good can come from refusing to face the facts. The greatest enemy to our city's welfare and to our citizens is the man who says things are satisfactory and who acts as if they were, when they are far from that condition. The fact that Montreal's general mortality, infant mortality and tuberculosis death rates are ~~high~~ so much higher than cities of similar size, indicates that much improvement is possible in health conditions.