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TO INCORPORATE THE MONTREAL PROTESTANT HOUSE OF INDUSTRY AND REFUGE.

[ASSENTED TO MAY 12, 1863.]

WHEREAS the persons hereinafter named, have, by Petition, set forth, that a Protestant Institution which would serve as a House of Industry and Refuge for destitute persons in the City of Montreal, where adequate provision might be made for their wants, and habits of industry acquired by means of work to be afforded them, is urgently needed, and have further represented that such an Institution would be greatly aided by an Act of Incorporation, and have prayed that they and their successors be incorporated under the provisions hereinafter mentioned: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

- 1.** Benjamin Holmes, Wm. Murray, Wm. Lunn, Wm. Molson, Geo. H. Frothingham, Jas. P. Clark, Harrison Stephens, John Cordner, Jas. L. Mathewson, John Sinclair, W. McDonald, G. F. Prowse, Wm. Clendinning, Henry Lyman, M. H. Gault, Robt. Anderson, D. Lorn Macdougall, James Hutton, Wm. Edmonstone, John Redpath, Peter Redpath, Henry Mulholland, John Caverhill, Thomas Kay, and such other persons, donors or subscribers, as may, under the provisions of this Act, become donors or subscribers to the said Institution, to the amounts hereinafter mentioned, shall be, and they are hereby erected into a Body Corporate and Politic by the name of "The Montreal Protestant House of Industry and Refuge," and shall, by that name have perpetual succession and all the rights vested by the Interpretation Act in corporations generally, and shall, by the same name, from time to time, and at all times hereafter be able and capable to purchase, acquire, hold, possess and enjoy and to have, take, receive and hold by last Will and Testament, grant or donation (subject to the carrying out in good faith of the special trusts or conditions, if any, established by any such Testament or Donation) any lands, tenements or hereditaments real and immovable property, estate and effects within this Province; and the same to sell, alienate and dispose of and to acquire and purchase others in their stead for the same purpose; and to acquire and erect suitable buildings for the purposes of this Act, and the same to maintain, alter or renew from time to time; to provide and procure all materials for work and the same or any articles or things made or constructed in the said Institution to sell and dispose of, and to expend the proceeds thereof for its support; and to purchase, erect or lease and to maintain within the City of Montreal, one or more places of refuge or night asylums for the temporary relief of destitute persons (without distinction of religious profession or belief) seeking or requiring shelter, and to conduct and manage such places of refuge or asylums in accordance with the rules and regulations to be made for that purpose.
- 2.** Provided always that it shall not be lawful for the said Corporation to hold permanently, more real estate than shall be required for its use and occupation; but the said Corporation may take donations or bequests of real estate, on condition that the same be sold within seven years after it shall have come into possession of the Corporation, and the same, or any part or portion of such real estate, or any interest therein, which may not, within the said period, have been alienated or disposed of, shall revert to the party from whom the same was acquired, his heirs or other representatives.
- 3.** All and every the rents, revenues, issues and profits of all the property of the Corporation including Endowment Fund, hereinafter mentioned, shall be appropriated and applied solely for the purposes of the Corporation, and the payment of all such outlays and expenditure as may legitimately be incurred in connection therewith and for carrying into effect the objects contemplated by this Act, subject however to the special provisions contained in this Act: Provided always that any sur-

Preamble.

Incorporation

Corporate name

General Corporate powers.

Real property and buildings thereon.

Disposal of articles made in the Asylum.

Night Asylums.

Proviso as to real estate.

Application of Revenues.

Investments of surplus revenue.

plus of the said rents, revenues, issues and profits of the property of the Corporation, including the Endowment Fund, shall be, from time to time, invested in Government securities, City Corporation Bonds, or on security of *Baillieur de Fonds*, on real property or first mortgages within the City of Montreal and no other; and the said Corporation shall have power to consent to and grant a mortgage on its real property for the purpose only of obtaining funds for the erection and maintenance of the building or buildings necessary for the Institution.

Raising funds to erect buildings. 4. The said Corporation, acting by the direction of the Board of Governors hereinafter mentioned for the time being, shall have full power and authority to make and establish all such By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, not being contrary to this Act nor to the laws of this Province, as shall be deemed necessary or useful for the management, regulation and control of said Institution and of its agents and servants, and the management of its affairs generally, and also for the admission, election or appointment of Governors, the appointment of all meetings of the Board of Governors, the mode and time of election of the elective Governors hereinafter mentioned, the appointment and removal of its officers and servants and their wages or allowances,—and from time to time to alter, repeal and change the said By-Laws, rules and regulations or any of them: and shall and may do all other matters and things generally relating to the said Corporation which may be found useful and necessary fully to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Board of Governors. **Life Governors.** **Elective Governors.** **Proviso in favor of certain Churches and Societies.** 5. The ultimate and final control of the said Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Governors, being Protestants and residents within the City or County of Montreal; such Board shall be composed of Life Governors, being those who shall have subscribed the sum of four hundred dollars or upwards to the Institution and who shall not be in arrear on any call made on such subscription, and of elective Governors not being less than twenty-four in number at any one time, to be chosen and elected from those who shall have subscribed, in one sum, not less than one hundred dollars currency, to the Institution, or who shall subscribe a sum of not less than twenty-five dollars as an annual subscription; Provided always, that on payment of not less than four hundred dollars in one sum, or of an annual subscription of not less than twenty-five dollars by any Protestant Church or Congregation within the City of Montreal, or by any of the National Societies known as the "St. George's Society," "St. Andrew's Society," "Irish Protestant Benevolent Society," "German Society," "New England Society," or by any other such Society, such Church, Congregation, or Society shall have the right of appointing one person who shall be a Governor, and shall act either for life or such other period as may be fixed by such Church, Congregation or Society, subject always to the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the said Corporation and to the provisions of this Act.

Board of Management. **To report to Board of Governors.** **Election.** 6. The immediate management and conduct of the Institution shall be vested in a Board of Management, of not less than twenty-four in number, who shall act for three years, one-third retiring annually as may be fixed by By-law; and such Board shall cause minutes of their proceedings and acts to be duly kept, and shall, from time to time, report the same to the Board of Governors, as may be provided by any By-law, rule and regulation to that effect; and the Board of Management shall be elected at a meeting of the Board of Governors (including Life Governors and Elective Governors,) and the election of the first Board of Management shall take place within thirty days from and after the time when elective Governors shall have been chosen as hereinafter provided.

First meeting of Corporators for organizing the Institution. **Scale of votes.** **Mode of voting.** 7. A meeting of the subscribers to the Institution shall be called by the persons hereby incorporated or a majority of them, within two months after the passing of this Act, by notice of not less than ten days, by advertisement to be inserted in at least two newspapers published in the City of Montreal, for the purpose of organizing the Corporation and determining the number of persons entitled to be Life Governors and for the election of the Elective Governors, at which meeting (and at other similar meetings, unless otherwise provided by By-law) the scale of voting shall be as follows: For contributors of twenty-five dollars and under one hundred dollars, one vote; of one hundred dollars and under two hundred dollars, two votes; for any additional one hundred dollars up to one thousand dollars, one additional vote; and for each additional two hundred dollars over one thousand dollars, one additional vote; but no contributor shall have more than twenty votes: and at such first meeting, the election of Elective Governors shall be either by ballot, or as may be ordered at the meeting; and at any subsequent meeting, the mode of election shall be as provided in the By-laws.

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8. It shall be the duty of the Board of Management, first appointed, within six months to draw up the By-laws, Rules and Regulations authorised to be made under this Act, and to report the same to the Board of Governors, who shall have power to approve, alter or amend the same

Drafting By-Laws for approval by Board of Governors.

9. The books of subscription now opened for the establishment of the said House of Industry and Refuge shall be examined by the Board of Management, within one week after the buildings constituting such House of Industry and Refuge shall have been finished and opened for the reception of inmates, and the amount then standing subscribed shall be ascertained and shall be held to be applicable (subject to the proviso hereinafter contained) to the payment of land purchased, the erection of buildings and the fitting up and furnishing of the same: Provided always, that there shall not be expended on the said buildings and furnishing and fitting up the same, and on the places of refuge and night asylums hereinbefore mentioned, more than forty per cent of the amount subscribed, and the then remainder shall be applied to and constitute the nucleus of an Endowment Fund, the annual revenue of which only shall be applied for the purpose of maintenance of the Institution; and if, at any time, from misfortune or accident over which the Governors shall have no control, the Endowment Fund shall have been diminished below the sum ascertained by such examination as aforesaid, then one-fifth of the annual revenue produced by the remainder of the said Endowment Fund shall be applied yearly to the increase of such Endowment Fund until it shall have been restored to its original amount.

What amount of subscriptions may be expended on building, &c.

Proviso.

Remainder to form endowment fund.

10. The said Corporation shall have full powers to collect and enforce, by suit at law or other legal process, the payment of all subscriptions, or instalments on subscriptions, with legal interest thereon, from the time said payments are demanded or may become due.

Power to sue for and recover Subscriptions.

11. No member of the Corporation shall be, individually, liable for any debt incurred by the said Corporation for all or any of the purposes authorized by this Act.

Non-liability of members.

12. The said Corporation shall be bound to make Annual Reports to both branches of the Legislature, containing a general statement of the affairs of the Corporation, which said Reports shall be presented within the first twenty days of each Session.

Returns to Government.

13. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.

Public Act.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

The First Annual Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers to the Montreal Protestant House of Industry and Refuge was held in the Hall of the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday, 20th April, 1864.

JOHN REDPATH, Esq., President of the Institution, in the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN having explained the objects of the meeting, called upon Mr. LUNN, the Honorary Secretary, to read the Reports of the Board of Management and of the Finance Committee, and upon Mr. GREENSHIELDS to read the Report of the Committee for the Relief of the Poor.

These Reports having been read, it was moved by Mr. R. HOLLAND, seconded by Mr. B. DAWSON, and carried:

"That the Report now read be received and adopted and printed for the information of the Subscribers and the public."

It was agreed that the Charter and the list of Subscribers be also printed along with the Report.

The Meeting then proceeded to the election of twenty-four Elective Governors to serve for one year in place of those who retire.

The CHAIRMAN having named Mr. JAMES LAW and Mr. ROBERT ESDAILE to act as scrutineers of the Ballots, these gentlemen reported that the following twenty-four Elective Governors of last year had been re-elected for the ensuing year:

GEORGE BRUSH,	HENRY BULMER,
N. B. CORSE,	MILES WILLIAMS, Senr
JOHN DOUGALL,	G. W. CAMPBELL, M.D.
B. HUTCHINS,	JAMES COURT,
ALFRED SAVAGE,	ANDREW WILSON,
RICHARD HOLLAND,	Hon. JOHN ROSE,
J. McMILLAN,	DAVID BROWN,

WM. CLENDINNING,	D. A. P. WATT,
M. H. GAULT,	ERNEST IDLER,
G. MOFFATT, Junr.,	A. MILLOY,
H. MULHOLLAND,	ALEX. RAMSAY,
JAMES HUTTON,	WM. LUNN.

The following gentlemen were then unanimously re-elected office-bearers for the next year:

President—JOHN REDPATH.
 First Vice-President—WM. MURRAY.
 Second Vice-President—WM. WORKMAN.
 Treasurer—WM. MOLSON.
 Honorary Secretary—WM. LUNN.
 Honorary Solicitors—Messrs. ROSE & RITCHIE.
 Honorary Notaries—Messrs. GIBB & HUNTER.

A vote of thanks was moved to the Managers of the Mechanics' Institute for the free use of their Hall, which motion, like all the others, was carried by acclamation.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, 1864-65.

WILLIAM MURRAY,	M. H. GAULT,
WILLIAM MOLSON,	HENRY LYMAN,
JOHN REDPATH,	* W. H. A. DAVIES,
WILLIAM WORKMAN,	WILLIAM LUNN,
CHAS. ALEXANDER,	GEORGE HAGAR,
WM. EDMONSTONE,	H. L. ROUTH,
JAMES P. CLARK,	* DAVID BROWN,
THOS. M. THOMSON,	J. C. BECKET,
JOHN CAVERHILL,	ANDREW WILSON,
JNO. GREENSHIELDS,	H. A. NELSON,
* J. L. MATHEWSON,	HUGH MATHEWSON,
* W. F. KAY,	JAS. FERRIER, Junr.,
EDWD. MATTHEWSON,	HENRY BULMER,
T. M. BRYSON,	Hon. Geo. McTear,
JOHN SINCLAIR,	G. H. FROTHINGHAM.

Secretary to Board of Management—WM. BROWN.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

The Board of Management of the Montreal Protestant House of Industry and Refuge beg to submit their Report for the first year to the annual meeting of the Governors and Subscribers.

The Board having been duly elected by the Governors of the Institution to serve until the first annual meeting, immediately proceeded to organize themselves into the following Committees:

- A Committee of Finance,
- A Committee of Poor Relief,
- A Committee for selecting a site,
- A Committee for Bye-Laws for the management of the Institution.

Two of these Committees, namely those of Finance and Poor Relief have made special reports which are inserted in the appendix. The others have also discharged their duties and reported, though the site Committee has, for reasons hereafter explained, been unable to make any final report.

From the Report of the Finance Committee it will be seen that the whole of the subscriptions up to the present time amount to \$82,829, including the handsome donation of \$1,000 by the Directors of the City and District Savings Bank, but exclusive of the value of the farm bequeathed by the late Thomas Molson, Esq., and since his decease conveyed to the Institution by the executors of his estate.

The first instalment on the subscription list amounting to \$31,504, was made payable on the first of November last. Of this sum \$28,069 has been paid to the Treasurer, leaving a balance of \$3,435 per list herewith, still due.

An amount of \$332,96 for interest and other items raises the above sum received to \$28401,96.

The expenditure has been \$1517,01, principally disbursed by the Poor Relief Committee in maintaining the Night Refuge and Soup Kitchen.

There has also been a payment of \$15,000 for the purchase of a site which will be noticed in its proper place.

The Board regret to observe that one or two of the subscribers refuse to pay the instalment of their subscriptions on the plea, 1st. that the Governors had decided not to hold for purposes of revenue, such donations and bequests of real estate as might be made to the Institution; and 2nd, that they were not allowed the privilege of placing inmates in the proposed House of Refuge in proportion to the sums subscribed.

In regard to the latter objection the Board are of opinion that such a stipulation would in all probability lead to difficulties in the management which ought to be carefully avoided. The former is of a graver character, and strong opinions exist on both sides regarding it, but the Board are in hopes that something may yet be done to remove the difficulty.

The Board recommends that another vigorous

effort be made to increase the subscription list at an early day, as there are still a number of wealthy citizens who have not contributed anything to the funds of the Institution but who are in duty bound to do so, if they would fulfil the precepts of the gospel. The large amount required for the purchase of the site and the erection of buildings necessary for the purposes of the Institution, will considerably reduce the amount to be invested for its yearly maintenance.

The Board have great satisfaction in referring to the Report of the Poor Relief Committee which will be found appended to this report, by which it will be seen that a large amount of relief has been afforded, and that the money placed at the disposal of the committee has been most judiciously and usefully expended.

The Site Committee, after much anxious deliberation and investigation, came to the conclusion that none of the sites contemplated in the west within the range of a mile outside of the Toll Gate, which the committee examined or had under offer, would answer for the establishment required for the Country, the difficulty in most cases being the want of a sufficient supply of water, and as it was absolutely necessary that the buildings required for the Night Refuge, Soup Kitchen, Board Room, Secretary's and other offices that must be located within the city, should be ready for the ensuing winter, the Board turned their attention to that object.

The difficulty in this department was to find a lot sufficiently large in a central locality such as might suit for the Board room and the sundry other offices. After a long search they concluded to purchase the large vacant lot, corner of Dorchester and Bleury Streets from Mr. John Donegan, for the sum of three thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds. This lot is in the most central situation that could be found suitable for such a purpose; and although the lot is considerably larger than is required for present purposes, it was thought better to purchase the whole of it with the view of selling such portion as may not be required rather than allow it to fall into such hands as might put up buildings that would possibly become a nuisance to the Institution. The Board have ordered plans to be prepared immediately, and they are expected to be ready soon with an estimate of the cost, and when ready will be submitted to the governors for their approval.

In regard to the country site, your Board have not yet come to any definite conclusion. They would however remind the meeting that they are in possession of the farm left them by the late Mr. Molson, and that although it is at a greater distance than was originally contemplated, it is an excellent farm, and is easy of access by the City Railroad and omnibuss, besides having the indispensable requisite which the others have not, a good supply of water; and when it is considered that the inmates of the country establishment will be of a more permanent character than the others, the distance is much less objectionable.

The bye-laws which have been adopted, were prepared by the Committee, and submitted to the Board of Management, and have been approved by the Governors at a special meeting for that purpose. It is probable that both the bye-laws and the charter may require some additions and amendments; but it was considered advisable to have a year's experience in the practical working of the Institution before making any changes.

Your Board, shortly after their election, put themselves into communication with the Corporation of the city in regard to the Marstellar property now in their hands. The Corporation immediately appointed a committee to confer with your Board on the subject.

In consequence of having established a Night Refuge free to all religious denominations, your Board considered that they were fairly entitled to the whole of these funds to be applied solely for that purpose. After a long conference the Corporation were disposed to take a different view of the subject, and proposed to divide the funds and the property equally between the Protestants and Roman Catholics—one-half to the Institution as representing the Protestant population; with the distinct understanding that the funds so retained by them should be devoted to another Night Refuge to be under Roman Catholic management. Your Board could not object to this proposal, as the carrying out of the plan would relieve them of at least half the inmates which they would otherwise be compelled to provide for, and it is hoped that before the ensuing winter our Roman Catholic fellow-citizens will have an establishment equal to our own. The Corporation have since made an application to the Legislature to carry out this plan. In regard to the buildings necessary to be erected within the city, it appears to your Board to be a matter of necessity that they should be completed during the ensuing summer, and during that period the Board should mature their plans in regard to a permanent institution in the country. And in preparing plans, your Board are of opinion it is important that suitable accommodation should be provided for all such industrial and benevolent efforts as can legitimately be brought within the compass of their Institution. They would, however, desire not to be misunderstood, or as desiring in any way to interfere with those established incorporated Institutions now in existence, which have long been of such essential benefit to the Protestant poor.

It is appointed by the charter that not more than forty per cent of the subscription can be appropriated for sites and buildings. It would, therefore, be most desirable that the subscriptions should be largely increased, and that the permanent fund to be invested for the maintenance of the Institution ought not to be less than eighty thousand dollars, yielding a revenue of five or six thousand dollars, which, with our daily augmenting population, will soon require to be increased to a much larger amount.

The Board are in hopes that a large amount

will be raised by yearly subscription. Several of the churches have already subscribed twenty-five dollars per annum; and it is hoped they will all see it to be their advantage to do so. This entitles them to the election of one elective Governor yearly; and every annual subscriber of five to ten dollars, who may have paid up such subscription two consecutive years, is entitled to one vote for Governor. It is believed that the Protestant public generally will be disposed to give the institution a very liberal support, which they may fairly expect will relieve them from many of the daily calls which are now made upon them for the relief of the poor and destitute, for whom there exists no legal provision.

The Board have the satisfaction of announcing Messrs. Rose and Ritchie's acceptance of the office of Solicitors, and of Messrs. Gibb and Hunter's acceptance of Notaries to the institution. These gentlemen have already rendered valuable services.

The following are the names of ten gentlemen who retire from the Board of Management at the first meeting of the Governors, to be held within eight days of this date, according to the provisions of the 18th By-law, these gentlemen being all eligible for re-election:—

H. L. Routh, David Brown, J. O. Becket, H. A. Nelson, Hugh Mathewson, James Ferrier, jr., Henry Bulmer, Hon. G. Moffatt, G. H. Frothingham, Andrew Wilson.

The whole of the Elective Governors now retire from office, and it will be the duty of the present meeting to proceed to the election of a like number,—twenty-four,—the gentlemen now in office being eligible for re-election.

It will also be the duty of this meeting to elect a President and two Vice Presidents in place of those now in office, who are also eligible for re-election, and who, according to the provision of the third by-law, shall also be President and Vice Presidents of the Board of Management.

The Board, in closing their report, beg to say that they have to the best of their ability endeavoured to fulfil the important duties assigned to them; and they pray their successors, with God's blessing, may be enabled successfully to complete the plans now contemplated for the amelioration of the condition of the Protestant poor.

The whole, nevertheless, respectfully submitted.
JOHN REDPATH, President.

REPORT of the Finance Committee of the Montreal Protestant House of Industry and Refuge for the financial year ending March 31, 1864:

The Finance Committee beg leave to submit a detailed statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Institution for the financial year ending 31st March:—

SUBSCRIPTION LIST.	
Total amount of subscription list to 31st March, 1864.....	\$82,704 00
Amount of annual subscriptions from Churches and Societies.....	125 00
Total.....	\$82,829 00

FIRST INSTALMENT.

Amount of first instalment payable 1st Nov., 1863..... 31,504 00
 Paid on account up to 31st March..... 23,069 00

Arrears, as per separate list..... 3,435 00

RECEIPTS.

Amount of subscriptions and instalments of subscriptions received to 31st March..... 23,069 00
 Cash for soup tickets sold..... 7 75
 Discount..... 60
 Interest from Molson's Bank on \$26,000 at 4 per cent..... 324 61

Total Receipts.....\$23,401 96

EXPENDITURES.

The total Expenditure has been..... 1,517 01
 Appropriated as follows:—

1st—Campeau Street Asylum—Alterations and Repairs on the Marstellar Building.. 123 71
 Furniture, Bedsteads, forms, &c. 120 50
 Utensils, Tin Ware, Stoves, &c. 89 00
 Bedding..... 150 38
 Crockery..... 3 15
 Lamps, &c..... 6 20— 369 23

Maintenance account:—
 Groceries..... 83 18
 Firewood..... 82 00
 Coal Oil..... 5 80
 Bread account..... 33 37
 Stone Hammers..... 3 00— 207 35

Total expenditure on Night Refuge.. 705 29

2nd—Soup Kitchen, Fortification Lane:—
 Alterations and repairs on building 43 88
 Furnishings, such as Kettle, Stoves
 Lamps benches, &c..... 47 21
 Maintenance account, including
 vegetables, butcher's meat & peas. 76 15
 Firewood..... 37 00
 Bread account..... 18 10— 223 24

3rd—Wages and Salaries—Paid Salary of Secretary and Wages of Superintendent of Night Refuge, and of Matron at Soup Kitchen to date, including gratuity to Overseers for services rendered during winter at Soup Kitchen..... 343 25

4th—Printing account—Paid for Printing and advertising for the past twelve months..... 192 73

5th—Office Expenses—Paid for furniture for office, stationery, books, and cash box... 38 63

6th—Petty expenses—Paid sundry petty expenses, per petty Cash Book..... 14 87

Total expenditure for past year..... 1517 01
 Respectfully submitted,
 WM. LUNN, Chairman.

Montreal, 18th April, 1864.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have examined the above Report of the Finance Committee, and compared it with the vouchers, and find the same correct.

W. H. A. DAVIES, }
 JAMES L. MATHEWSON, } *Auditors.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR RELIEVING THE POOR.

On the part of this Sub-committee I have the honor to report, that—

1st.—Acting under the instructions conveyed to us, on the 30th of September, 1863, we have endeavored to carry on the work assigned to us during the past winter and have had the satisfaction of seeing considerable benefit arising to the poor therefrom, without encroaching too heavily upon the funds of the Institution.

2nd.—The night refuge for the houseless poor

was opened on the 22nd December, 1863, and has continued to work from night to night ever since. The class of persons admitted has been, as might have been expected, the very lowest in the social scale. The dregs of society have furnished the large majority of the inmates, and they have come back upon our hands from week to week, until many have become almost permanent residents or boarders, which is not the design of the Refuge at all. This evil—and it is a great evil—could not well be avoided; but as soon as the House of Industry is erected the inmates of the Refuge should be drafted into the head institution after two or three nights shelter, a regulation which would reduce the number admitted by three fourths of the whole number now received, and entirely change the character and working of the house. Religious services have occasionally been held, and on these opportunities being offered the attendance and conduct of the inmates have been most exemplary. In regard to the benefit of this branch of work it is nearly certain that many persons would have perished on the streets but for the shelter here afforded. Daily visitation has been kept up with almost no intermission. The assistance of the Rev. Wilberforce Gaulfield and Mr. Morrison, Missionary, and also the aid of several of the Governors is gratefully acknowledged. It is intended to close this house as a night refuge on the 1st of May. The sum laid out on this effort up to the present time is—\$705.29 viz: on repairs to the building \$123.71; furniture \$369.23; maintenance \$207.35, being about \$15 per week, and the sum required from now to the 1st of May will be about \$60. No distinction has been made between Protestants and Roman Catholics as to admittance; all have been received without any exception, and Roman Catholics have very largely availed themselves of the shelter of the refuge.

NIGHT REFUGE, CAMPEAU STREET, April, 1864—Number of Nights' Lodgings given, distinguishing every week, from the 22nd December, 1863, date of opening the Refuge, to 11th April, 1864;—

Date.	No. Protestant Males.	No. of Protestant Females.	No. of R. Catholic Males.	No. of R. Catholic Females.	Total Protestants	Total Catholics.	Total.
December 28.....	29	8	20	17	37	37	74
January 4.....	31	18	28	33	69	69	138
11.....	30	36	60	41	66	106	172
18.....	53	29	74	46	99	123	222
25.....	65	39	104	53	118	157	275
February 1.....	84	20	104	57	134	161	295
8.....	87	41	128	68	148	185	333
15.....	102	35	133	55	137	188	325
22.....	103	37	140	52	140	192	332
29.....	64	37	102	55	101	157	258
March 7.....	110	33	143	70	143	183	326
14.....	101	33	134	72	134	186	320
21.....	99	28	127	47	127	153	280
28.....	101	18	119	47	119	131	250
April 4.....	97	32	129	33	129	126	255
11.....	90	27	117	27	117	153	270
Total.....	1215	469	1343	1030	1684	2963	4647

Upwards of 4000 Meals have been furnished to the inmates during the winter.

3rd.—The soup kitchen was opened on the 8th January, 1864, and has every day since, added to the comfort and maintenance of many individuals and families in the city. About five thousand quarts of soup have been served out every month. The smallest number of daily applicants has been 60, and the largest 114, at present the number is about 75. Besides the soup carried home from the kitchen, a crowd of persons have dined at the rooms every day. Most fortunately, the services of Mrs. McDonald, a very efficient matron were procured, a person possessed of every qualification needed, and most faithful and zealous in the discharge of her duties. This branch of the work is an excellent means of directly assisting the poor. It is also very popular and evidently much in favour with the citizens and persons living in the neighborhood of the city, as they have sent, and continue to send, most liberal supplies of meat and vegetables, which have been partially acknowledged through the Press. The entire expense of the soup kitchen up to the present time is \$222,24 viz., in repairs to the building \$43,88; furniture \$47,21; and maintenance \$131,15, being about \$10 a week. In future, this effort could be carried on for less than \$1 a day. The sum necessary from now up to the 1st May, will not exceed \$40, and it is then intended to close the kitchen and to remove for storage to the Campeau Street house, the boiler and other articles belonging to us. We have again in this branch to acknowledge the services of the Rev. Messrs. Caulfield and Morrison, who have daily attended at the kitchen, and visited the applicants at their dwellings, and in this way guided the relief into proper and deserving channels. The register kept by these gentlemen shows the name, abode, occupation, and number in family of every applicant. The missionaries are clearly of opinion that the result of their visitation goes to prove the great necessity for this kind of relief, and also the good moral condition of the poor in Montreal. Nearly all the work belonging more particularly to the soup kitchen has been done by Messrs. Charles Alexander and J. O. Becket, these two members of this sub-Committee, having specially undertaken this duty and devoted a good deal of time and labour in its faithful performance. A considerable number of Roman Catholics have been relieved at the soup kitchen.

4th. It is the earnest desire of this Sub-Committee that as little delay as possible should take place in the erection of suitable buildings for a night refuge, soup kitchen, and office, and that special care should be had to an ample supply of hot and cold water, and a mode of securing free and perfect ventilation. These essentials do not require to be pressed on those who have visited the night refuge, but as all the Governors have not had the privilege, it is thought necessary to call particular attention to them in this report. And it is also of great importance that arrangements should be made in the plans for a large and comfortable room capable of accommodating not less than one hundred persons for the purpose of holding religious

services as often as convenient, so that by this means those unfortunate persons who come into our hands may depart a little better than they came, having had, at all events, some good influence brought to bear upon them.

5th. In regard to the future, although not within the scope of duty assigned to us, we beg respectfully to offer the following suggestions. It has been our opinion all along, that existing charitable institutions should be encouraged to carry on their work as usual, until the House of Industry is in full operation with building completed, and every thing in order. We adhere to this opinion. But we find a very general expectation on the part of subscribers and the public, that we should continue to do a little work during the summer months, and not suspend operations entirely. The public feeling seems to be that, there should always be a door open somewhere, to which deserving individuals might be directed, and where, for a few days, or nights, they could be provided for. To meet this call has engaged the anxious attention of this Sub-Committee. If we expect a liberal support, and large subscriptions from the people, efforts must be made to meet public expectation in regard to our work, and not to fall short in this particular. Only in this way can the Institution be made to secure a hold on public sympathy, and, as a consequence, a larger revenue from subscriptions. After much deliberation, we are prepared to recommend the following plan. We have the Campeau street house rent free, fitted out and furnished by ourselves. We shall also have there after the 1st of May all our soup kitchen furniture. Let that house be kept open not as a Refuge as at present, but as a house for relieving the deserving poor, by outdoor or indoor relief as may seem expedient. The present Matron of the soup kitchen is, in our opinion, quite competent to do all the duty, with such assistance as she would readily obtain from the inmates. The entire cost per month would be under \$60. The kind of relief would be of a very plain but wholesome description, confined probably to oatmeal, bread, and soup, quite enough to provide for destitution, but not sufficiently tempting for those who can, by any effort, do better. This plan might be tried for a month or two. The cost would not be great, and the public, we believe, would appreciate the effort.

6th and finally. The past winter has brought to every member of this sub-committee such experience and knowledge of the poor as may be turned to profitable account hereafter. But we feel that we are as yet only groping in the dark, and that we have very much to learn. Every member has worked willingly and steadily during the past winter. The duty has been, of course, a self denying labour, so much misery, distress, and suffering appearing in our midst and calling loudly for help. To a certain extent this call has been met, for, when shelter and food have been freely provided for all who come, it is plain that destitution and want in their worst forms have been greatly alleviated.

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Still much remains to be done, and we conclude our report with the prayer and hope, that the blessing of God may rest upon the Protestant House of Industry and Refuge, so that it may be made the means of bringing much comfort to the poor and needy, and that a large measure of success may be vouchsafed to those who shall succeed us, for the coming year, in the office

which we have had the honor to hold for the year that is past.

The whole is respectfully submitted.

JOHN GREENSHIELDS, Convener.

Sub-Committee for relieving the poor
Montreal, April 20th.

Subscriptions to the Montreal Protestant House of Industry and Refuge to 31st March, 1864.

Hugh Allan.....	\$ 500	Chandler & Hannan.....	100	Beniah Gibb	400
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Jas. Baylis.....	25	John Esdaile.....	400	J. Harold.....	10
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M. H. Cochrane.....	500	Stuart Evans.....	15	George Horne, (proceeds	
John Caverhill.....	500	S. English.....	50	of Concert given by	
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R. D. Collis.....	400	Hon. James Ferrier.....	1000	Singing Class).....	86
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Dr. Campbell.....	100	man.....	1000	Janes, Oliver & Co.....	400
N. B. Corse.....	100	James Foley.....	400	Thos. Jenking.....	100
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George Cruikshanks.....	100	Hon. Judge Gale.....	2000	E. C. Jamieson.....	100
Matthew Campbell.....	100	S. Greenshields, Son & Co. 500		Jaques, Tracy & Co.....	100
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Hon. Robt. Jones.....	1000	H. Morgan & Co.....	100	W. M. Ramsay.....	50
Jas. Isley.....	4	Robt. Morris.....	50	John Rankin.....	50
Thos. & W. F. Kay.....	2000	E. L. Mills.....	100	Jas. Richardson.....	50
Kerry Bros. & Crathern.....	500	Thos. Mussen.....	100	Wm. Ross.....	5
G. Kingan.....	100	Thos. May.....	100	George Stephen.....	500
E. H. King.....	50	Gordon McKenzie.....	100	Saml. G. Smith.....	500
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Joseph Kirkup.....	25	Alex. Morris.....	50	E. E. Shelton.....	400
John Kingan.....	50	Wm. McDonald.....	50	Stevenson, Sutherland & Co.....	200
Fredk. Kingston.....	50	Alex. Molson.....	25	Alfred Savage.....	200
James Law.....	2000	Wm. Morgan.....	30	James Scott.....	100
Benjamin Lyman.....	500	John McDonald.....	10	Sinclair, Jack & Co.....	100
Henry Lyman.....	500	M. McKenzie.....	10	Robt. Seath.....	100
G. Lomer.....	100	McIver & Co.....	10	Schneider & Bond.....	100
W. & T. Leeming.....	100	J. C. McLaren.....	50	Starke, Smith & Co.....	100
Theodore Lyman.....	100	James Muir.....	50	George Smith.....	50
Laplough & Campbell.....	100	G. & J. Moore.....	50	J. G. Sims.....	50
A. Laurie.....	100	Joseph Mackay & Bro.....	1600	John Sinclair.....	400
F. Lawford.....	50	John McDonald, St. Law- rence Main Street.....	100	John Stirling.....	100
Wm. Lunn.....	100	J. H. R. Molson & Bros.....	500	J. G. Sippel.....	25
W. F. Lighthall.....	5	Wm. Newcomb.....	200	Jas. C. Sinton.....	25
Jas. Linton.....	50	H. A. Nelson.....	400	David Stewart.....	5
Jas. Logan.....	400	John Nichol.....	5	St. Gabriel St. Presby- terian Church—annually.....	25
Lagauchetiere St. Presby- terian Church—annually.....	25	Ogilvy & Co.....	200	St. Andrews Society—an- nually.....	25
Lewis, Kay & Co.....	400	Charles Phillips.....	500	T. M. Thomson.....	1000
Wm. Murray.....	1000	Penny, Wilson & Co.....	200	David Torrance.....	2000
Wm. Molson.....	2000	C. D. Proctor.....	100	Henry Thomas.....	1000
D. L. MacDougall.....	1000	Prowse & McFarlane.....	100	Joseph Tiffin.....	1000
Hugh Mathewson.....	1000	Thos. Paton.....	100	T. M. Taylor.....	400
Jas. Adams Mathewson.....	500	Popham & Sinclair.....	100	Hugh Thompson.....	100
H. L. MacDougall.....	500	J. Peck & Co.....	100	Thomson & Minchin.....	100
Hon. George Moffatt.....	1000	James Parkin.....	50	Trinity Church—annually.....	25
Mulholland & Baker.....	300	H. Prince.....	25	Cash.....	50
George Moffatt, Junr.....	200	E. Pickup.....	25	Alex. Urquhart.....	500
Wm. McDougall.....	400	John Patterson.....	5	Wm. Workman.....	2000
Alex. McGibbon.....	400	A poor Clerk.....	1	Wm. Watson.....	1000
James Moir.....	400	H. L. Routh.....	1000	George Winks.....	500
Edwd. Maitland.....	400	John Redpath.....	2000	O. S. Wood.....	400
James McDougall.....	400	Peter Redpath.....	500	D. A. P. Watt.....	20
John Molson.....	400	R. J. Reikie.....	1000	M. Williams, Junr.....	200
George Matthews.....	400	Andw. Robertson.....	400	Alex. Walker.....	100
Mrs. J. E. Mills.....	400	James Roy.....	150	West Bros.....	100
Mitchell & Gear.....	200	Alfred Rimmer.....	100	Jas. Williamson & Co.....	100
J. & D. McBurney.....	100	Alex. Ramsay.....	100	John C. Watson.....	100
J. McLennan.....	400	Joseph M. Ross.....	100	M. Williams, Senr.....	100
McMillan & Carson.....	200	Job Reynolds, Junr.....	100	Robt. Wood.....	25
S. H. May.....	100	Ringland & Ewart.....	100	G. W. Warner.....	20
David Mair.....	100	Clement Read & Co.....	100	R. Warmington & Son.....	25
W. McDonald.....	100	Peter Robertson.....	100	Wait & Simpson.....	10
Alex. Milloy.....	100	Hon. John Rose.....	100	John White.....	50
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A. A. Murphy.....	100	T. W. Ritchie.....	20	Joseph Wenham.....	25
Macchell, Cockburn & Co.....	100	J. Rattray.....	20	Zion Church—annually.....	25
James Mavor.....	100	P. S. Ross & Brother.....	10		
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