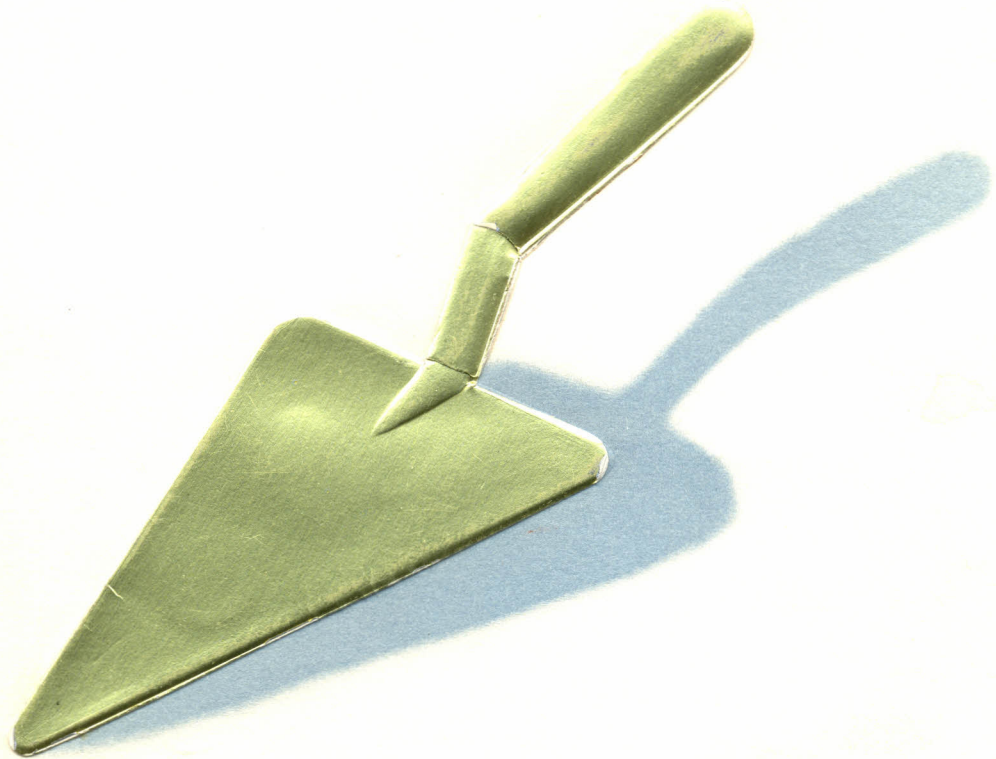


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*Building Expansion*  
**CAMPAIGN**



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# \$ 5,500,000

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## **building expansion program**

Faced for years with critical shortages of beds and other facilities, the Jewish General Hospital is now engaged in a \$5,500,000 Expansion Program designed to meet the greatly increased demands on its services.

The Hospital, which has been in operation since 1934, has always been conducted on a non-sectarian basis, serving all regardless of race, creed or financial status. Notwithstanding this, the cost of the original buildings and more than \$2,000,000 in operating deficits over the past 18 years have been borne solely by members of our own Jewish Community. The operating deficit for the current year (1953) estimated at \$220,000 has already been subscribed and pledged by our Community.

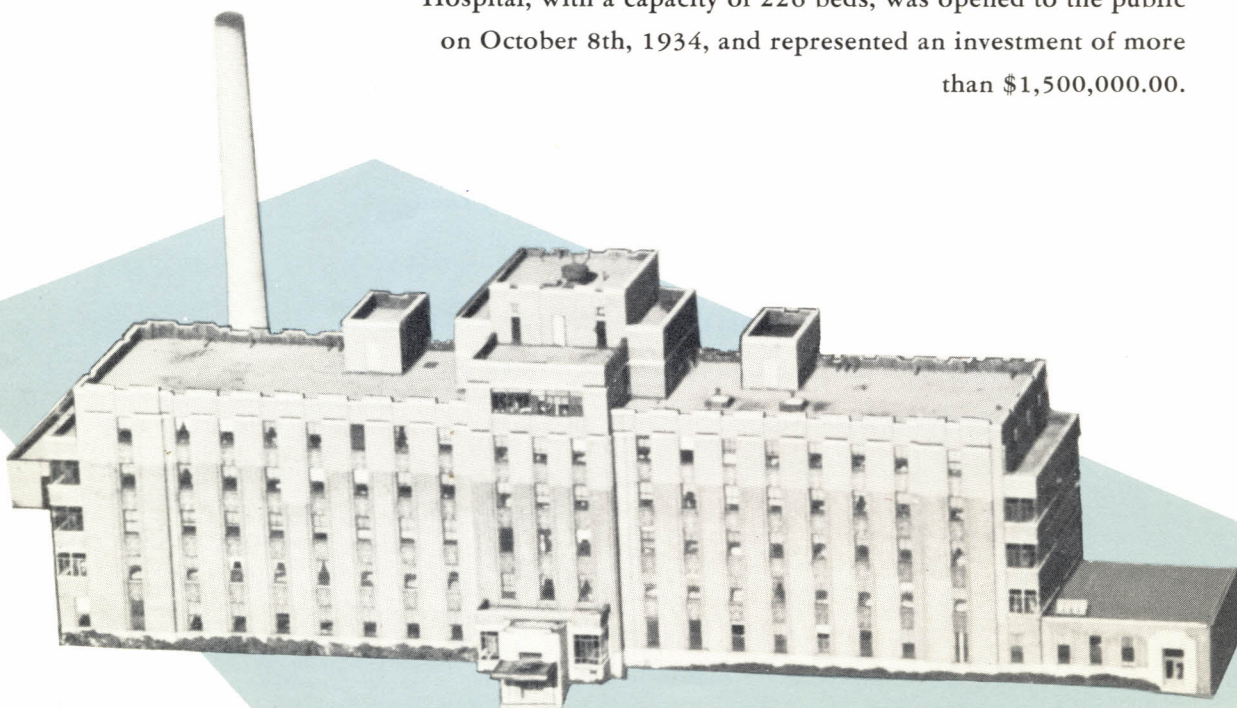
This is the first time in our history that a call will be made on the wider Community, and the funds raised will be used for capital purposes only in carrying out our Expansion Program.





# October 8, 1934

**the beginning**—When in 1929 a survey of Montreal's Hospital facilities revealed a serious shortage of hospital beds, the Montreal Jewish Community decided that it should share in the responsibility of caring for the sick of our City by providing a portion of the needed additional beds. A Campaign directed to the Jewish Citizens of Montreal resulted in spontaneous and generous response. The funds thus raised, together with grants from the Province of Quebec and City of Montreal, were utilized to build the Jewish General Hospital. The Hospital, with a capacity of 226 beds, was opened to the public on October 8th, 1934, and represented an investment of more than \$1,500,000.00.



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# *The Hospital Record*

The truly non-sectarian character of the Hospital is reflected in its following record of service:

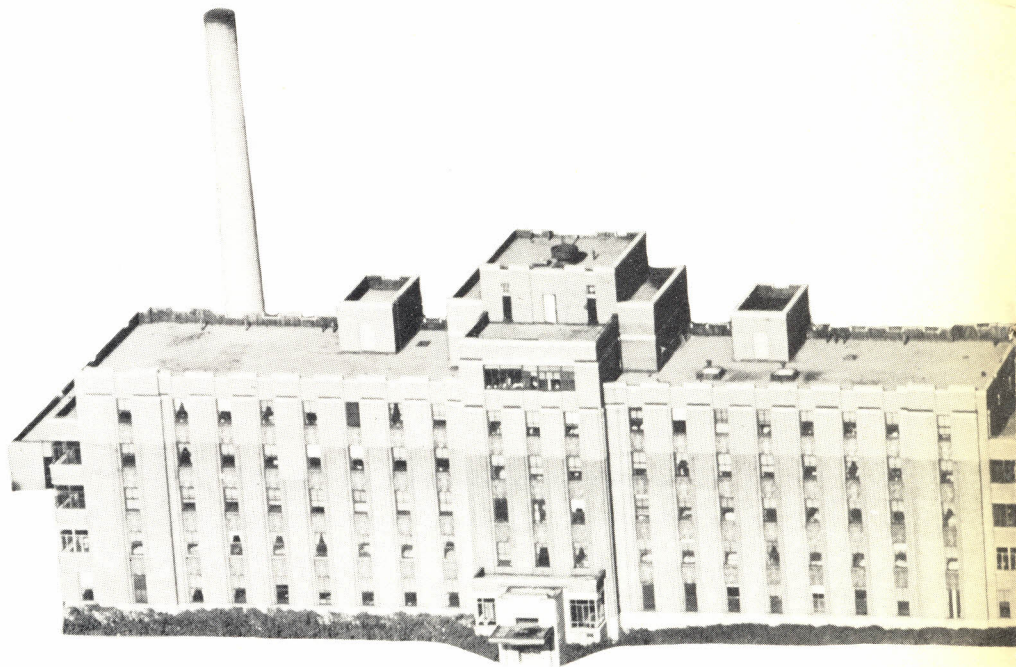
. . . Of the 95,000 who were admitted to its beds, more than 17,500 were of non-Jewish faiths.

. . . Of the more than 600,000 visits which were made to the Out-Patient Department, over 150,000 visits were made by non-Jewish patients.

. . . The volume of our services given to those outside the Jewish faith has increased continuously, until now it represents more than 26% of our total services.

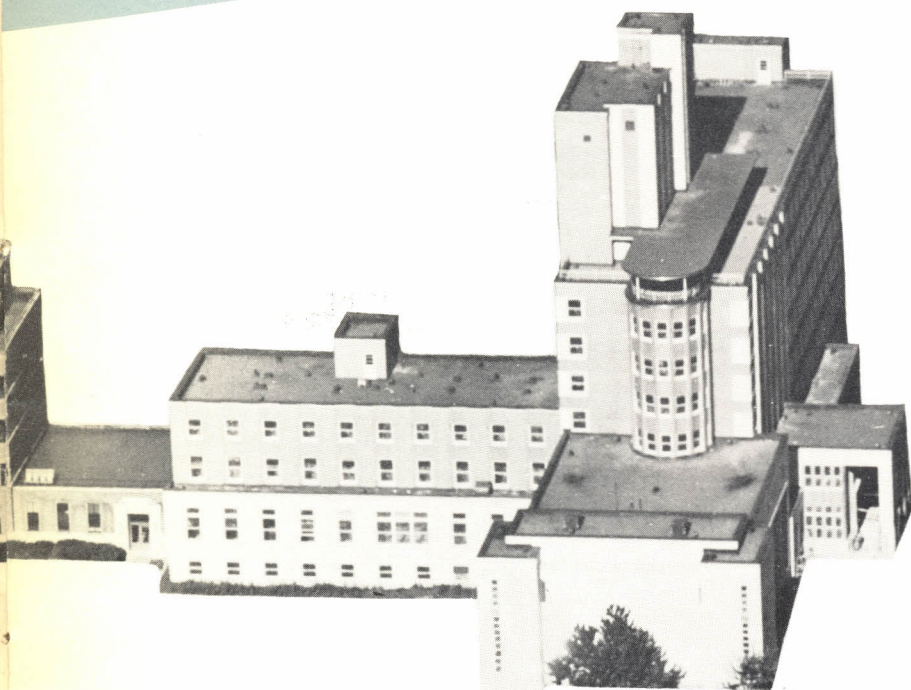
. . . The Hospital trains interns, nurses, x-ray and laboratory technicians on a non-sectarian basis.





# Expansion in Progress

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### **school of nursing:**

The Jewish General Hospital was the only large Hospital in the City of Montreal which operated without a School of Nursing.

In the face of the current and increasing shortage of graduate nurses, the ability of the Hospital to continue without a School as an assured source of graduate nurses was surrounded with difficulty and uncertainty. The School of Nursing was decided on as an urgent necessity vital to the future of the Hospital and construction of this phase took precedence over the balance of the program.

The School, which provides residence and training facilities for 125 students, is now in operation and is already demonstrating the valuable contributions it has to make to improving patient care.



## **growth of service**

The following statistical comparison indicates the extent to which demands on the Hospital's services have grown in the past 18 years:

	<u>1935</u>	<u>1952</u>
Admissions . . . . .	3,649	7,622
Patient Days . . . . .	45,390	66,452
Out-Patient Visits . . . . .	19,999	61,539
X-ray Examinations . . . . .	6,094	18,247
Laboratory Examinations . . . . .	10,116	48,136
Operations . . . . .	2,184	6,538
Births . . . . .	634	1,610

## **noteworthy achievements**

Although the Hospital is operating under the handicaps of inadequate space and facilities, it nevertheless has developed high standards of patient care and of scientific medicine. Following are a few highlights from its record:

- It is fully approved by the American College of Surgeons.
- Its Cancer Clinic, organized in 1935, was one of the first such Clinics in Montreal and is now one of the few approved Cancer Clinics in Canada.
- It has one of the lowest maternal mortality rates on the North American Continent, with a record of 15,000 consecutive births without the loss of a mother.
- The Hospital was one of the first in Canada to establish a Radio-Isotope Laboratory for the use of radioactive isotopes in research and in the treatment and diagnosis of disease.



## **the need for expansion**

Due to the natural growth of the population and because the Hospital is situated in an area which has become a centre of dense population, the demands on the Hospital's services have grown to proportions which made expansion imperative.

To enable us to care for the greatly increased number of patients and to provide for the full scientific growth of the Hospital, our Board of Administration has after careful and thorough study, developed a broad Expansion Program which includes provision for:

- . . . 173 additional beds to meet the continuous increase in the demand for public, semi-private and private accommodations.
- . . . Completely new and greatly enlarged Out-Patient Department to replace the existing overcrowded and wholly inadequate quarters.
- . . . New Scientific Laboratories with facilities for carrying out the greatly increased routine work and including provisions for Research work and for the housing of experimental animals.
- . . . Completely new and modern X-ray Department.
- . . . New and extended facilities for Physical and Occupational Therapy which are becoming increasingly important in the early rehabilitation of the sick and injured.
- . . . Additional Operating Rooms.
- . . . New and extended facilities for Dining Rooms, Kitchens, Laundry and other services.
- . . . Alterations to and modernization of the existing Hospital buildings.



August 26,  
1952

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**breaking new ground**—For years  
the Hospital has been working under severe pressure in its  
endeavours to cope with the tremendous demands upon its service.  
These demands, so vital to a City's welfare, can only be satisfied  
by the completion of this \$5,500,000 Expansion Program.





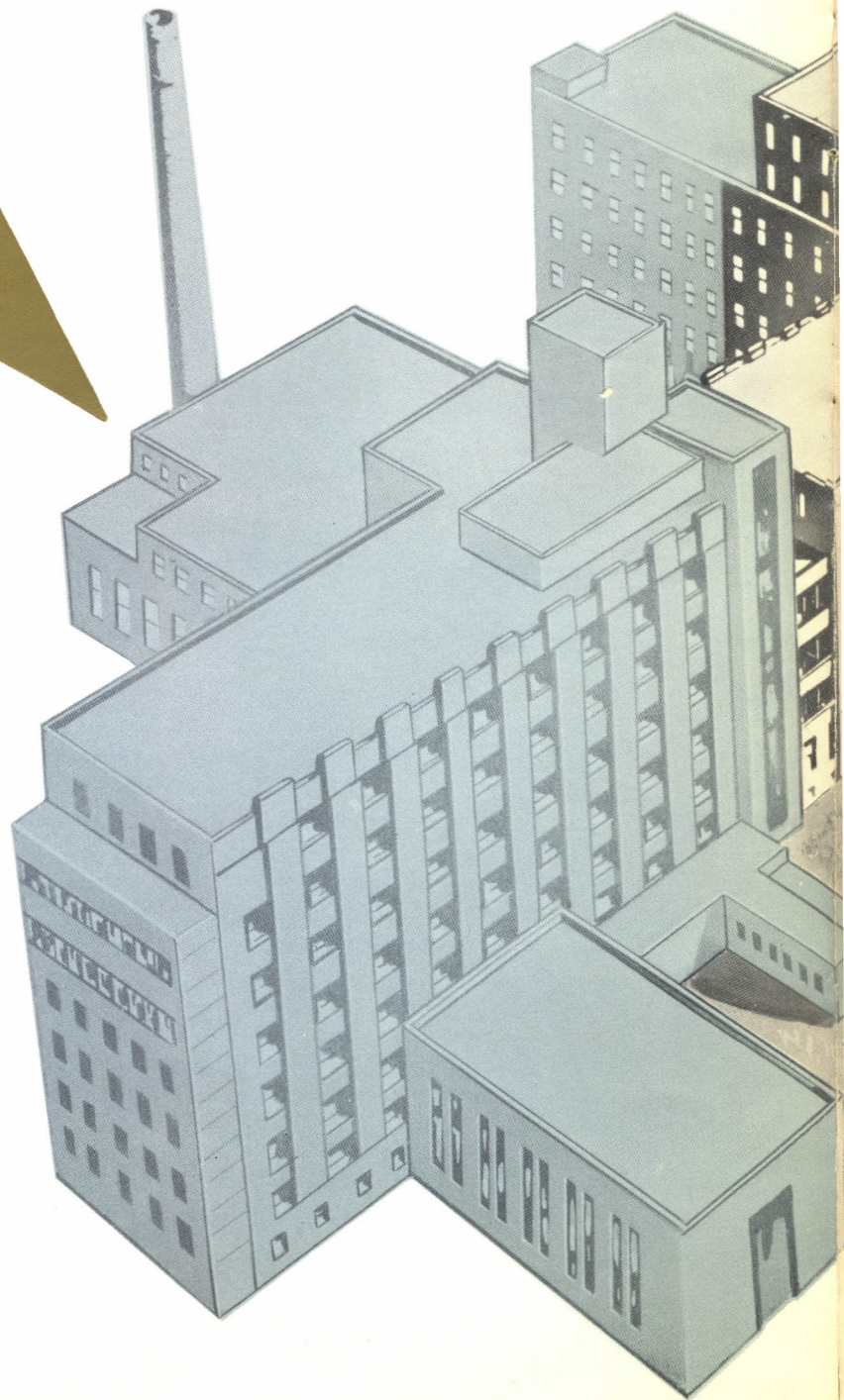
Ground broken for new Bed Wing and Service facilities.

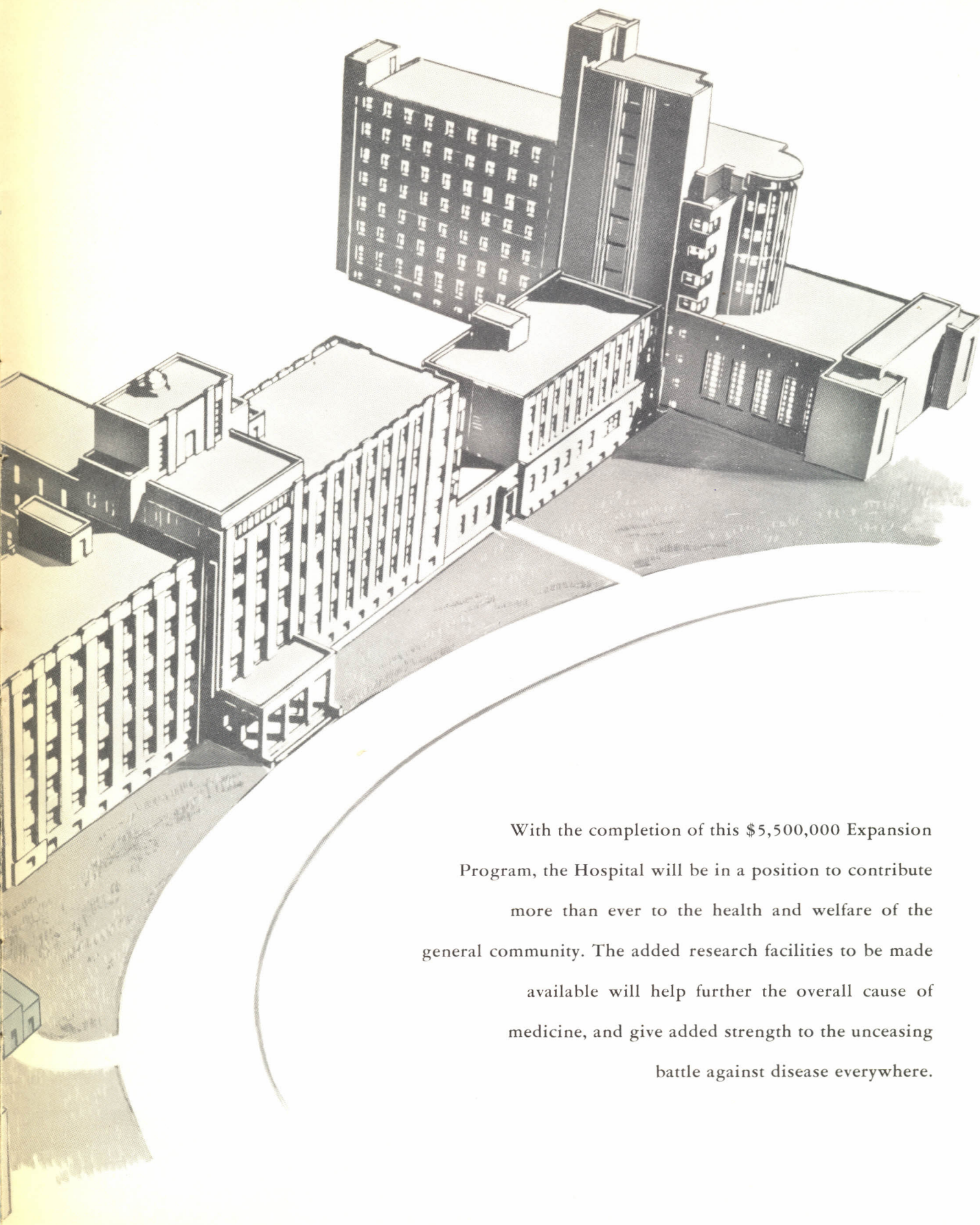


Work begins on extensions which will bring the Hospital's capacity to 400 beds.



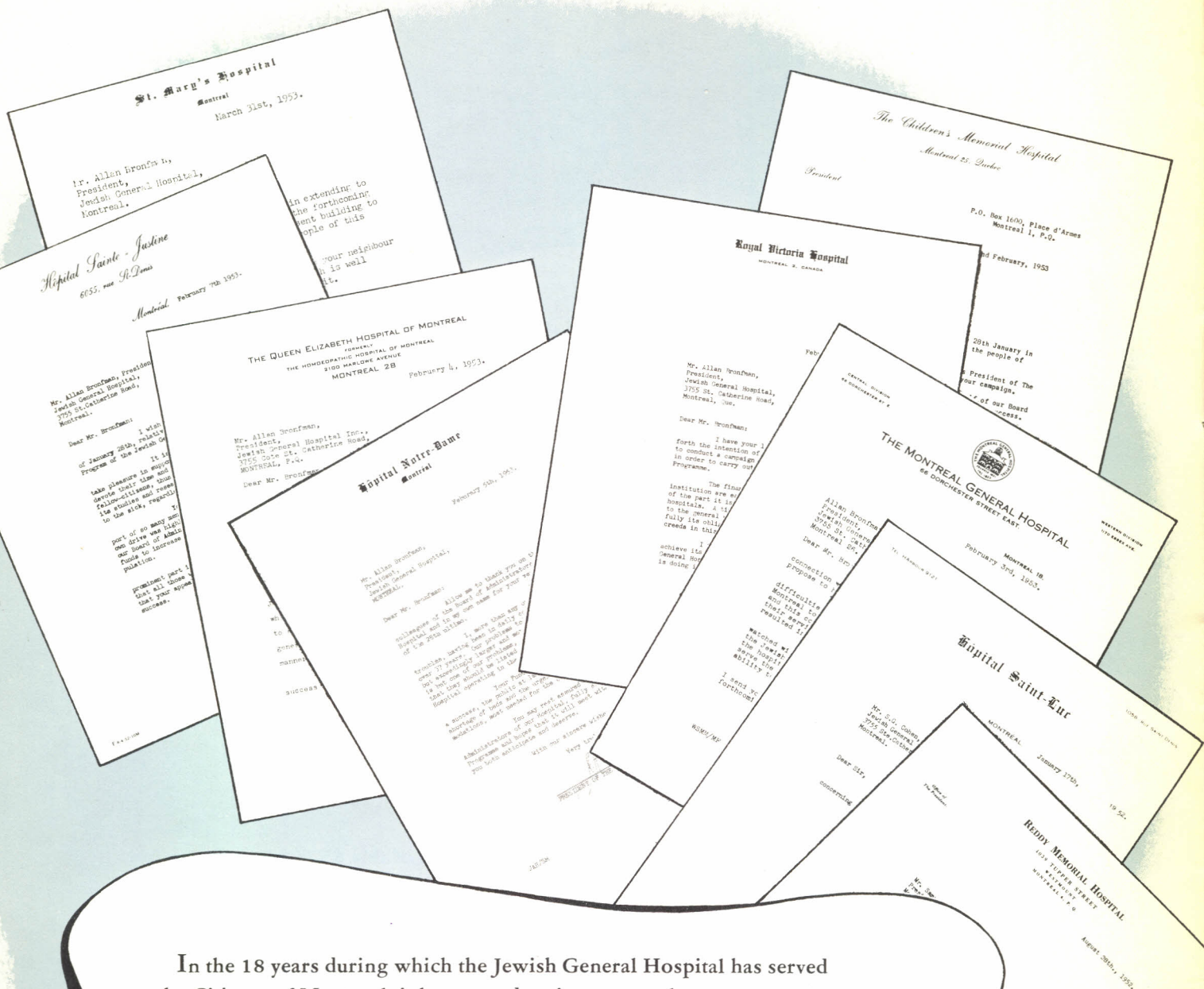
# Expansion to Completion





With the completion of this \$5,500,000 Expansion Program, the Hospital will be in a position to contribute more than ever to the health and welfare of the general community. The added research facilities to be made available will help further the overall cause of medicine, and give added strength to the unceasing battle against disease everywhere.





In the 18 years during which the Jewish General Hospital has served the Citizens of Montreal, it has earned an important place among Montreal's fine Hospitals. Recognition of the position it occupies and of the vital necessity of its Building Expansion Program to the health and welfare of the entire City, has been graciously expressed in letters received from the Presidents of a number of Montreal's outstanding Hospitals.



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