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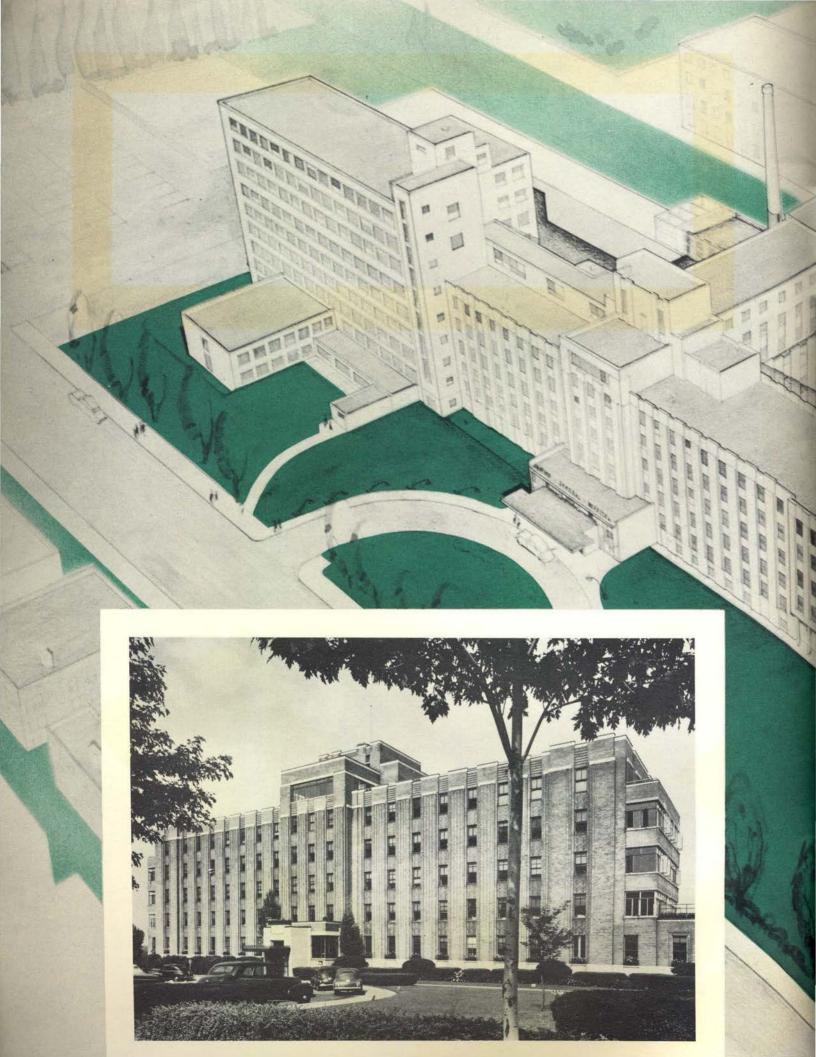
Twenty-fifth Anniversary Banquet

Monday, September twenty-first
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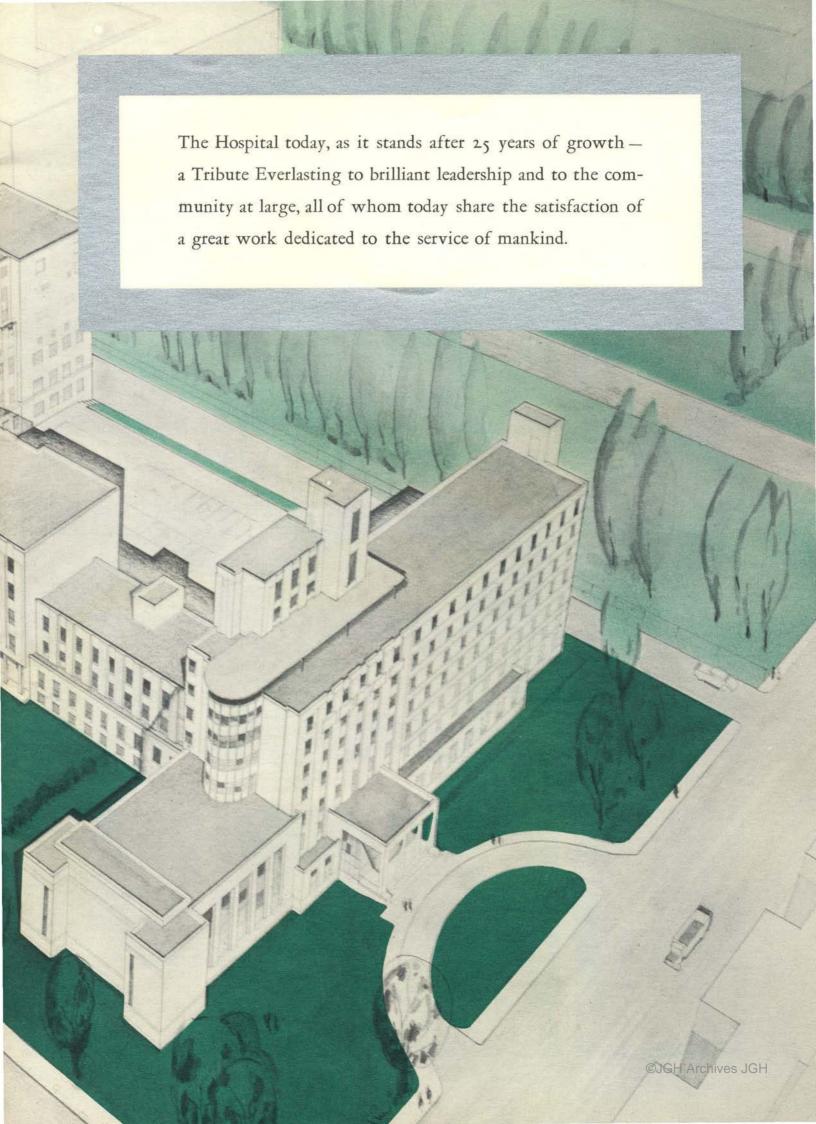


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Original Hospital Building, Dedicated October 8th, 1934.

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# ORIGINAL

CANADIAN JEWISH CHRONICLE

Montreal, September 20, 1929

# Among Outstanding Executives Whose Devoted Labours (



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# FOUNDERS

Montreal, September 20, 1929

It must always be remembered that the creation of the Jewish General Hospital was not the work of an individual, or even a group of individuals. That this magnificent memorial did open its doors in 1934 was due to the sincere and untiring efforts of the entire community. In reproducing this page from the Canadian Jewish Chronicle of Sept. 20, 1929, we pay tribute to the entire army of dedicated people who participated in the formation of this, our Tribute Everlasting.

# ided the Destinies of the Coming Jewish Hospital Campaign



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Executive Committee Loga Syndicates GH

# HISTORY

he Jewish General Hospital was formally opened in Montreal, on October 8, 1934. But the narrative looks back much longer; for it is not concerned with a single founder, but with the lives of remarkable persons, many of them fruitful creators. The quality of their contributions and achievements, and the diverse ways in which the past collaborated with our beginning, will be detailed in the history of our hospital concurrently being written and soon to be published.

Although the scenes which we have attempted to portray do not tell the whole story, each one images the course of acion taken by men and women bound by a common devotion, and dedicated to the belief that man's services to humanity are the yardstick by which we measure his value.

Let us grasp the thread of our story during the period when those associated with the Hebrew Maternity Hospital, and physicians united as members of the Montreal Clinical Society together set a movement toward the erection of a Jewish Maternity and General Hospital in motion.

Having taken the initiative, they consulted public-spirited leaders. The proposed program of good works, evoked a sympathetic response. According to plan, a meeting of representative members of the community was convened on the 31st day of January 1927, in the Board Room of the Baron de Hirsch Institute, "for the purpose of considering a proposal for the construction of a Jewish hospital." A prominent citizen having undertaken to defray the expense of a survey, a committee with power to add to its numbers was appointed and instructed to bring in a detailed report. But before proceeding, in "order that anyone who desired to do so might be given the opportunity of representing information, views or opinions," a public sitting was arranged for May 10, 1927. The session was advertised in the Anglo-Jewish press, and special notices to the number of about sixty were mailed to heads of local Jewish organizations. Attended by approximately 100 persons, a goodly number from the east end of the city, the idea of a survey met with the approbation of the majority. To the credit of some of the prominent citizens both lay and professional who did not at first relish the project, let it be said that when the plans got underway, they too became ardent supporters; some later coming to occupy most important positions.

The three considerations to which members of the survey committee devoted most of their attention, were the following:

- I. Did there exist an obligation on the part of the Jewish community of Montreal to provide much-needed hospital facilities?
  - II. Would it be possible medically to staff the hospital, adequately?
- III. Could and would the Jewish community financially facilitate and maintain a general hospital?

The committee consulted the annual reports of various local and out of town hospitals, as well as the statistics of the Benevolent Institutions published by the Bureau of Statistics of the Province of Quebec covering all the hospitals in the Province. The material thus gathered was supplemented by first-hand information obtained directly from the various hospitals in the City of Montreal through the kindness and courtesy of their Presidents, and Executive Directors. The committee also corresponded with hospital authorities in American cities where Jewish hospitals already existed.

During 1926, 1,892 Jewish patients were cared for in the general hospitals of Montreal. Of this number the majority were accommodated at the Royal Victoria Hospital, and Montreal General Hospital; the remainder at the Hôtel Dieu and other French hospitals. Assuming that each patient remained in the hospital 14 days, the average of occupancy, the Jews of Montreal during 1926 occupied 130.5 beds or 8% of the total available beds which numbered 2,068 including 353 beds for maternity cases. This latter figure included the 16 beds provided by the Hebrew Maternity Hospital.

At the time, there was a recognized shortage of about 2,000 beds. Based upon their proportion of the population, according to the previous Dominion census the Jewish community of Montreal might reasonably be expected to provide a minimum of 155 beds; 129 for general purposes, and 26 for maternity patients.

In a general way, the survey considered the situation of Jewish doctors, since very few had been afforded the opportunity of using local hospital facilities. Year by year, many well-trained young men were lost to the community to which they would not return, as long as they could not find opportunities for progressive self-expression. It was the studied opinion of the committee that with two or three possible exceptions, a general hospital could "be headed and staffed by local Jewish doctors. Any departments which might not be headed immediately from this source could be directed by competent importations, or by local non-Jewish medical men."

With regard to nurses it was recorded that a number of Canadian Jewish girls had obtained their training elsewhere, and that a few had been able to obtain partial training at the Hebrew Maternity Hospital. The development of a local opportunity for Jewish girls to become nurses was regarded as a highly desirable and required function of a Jewish hospital.

In the opinion of those connected with the survey, both the obligation and the responsibilities were to be regarded as privileges. A contribution to the common weal would also be a tangible fitting expression of appreciation to hospitals which had long succored our sick.

As to feasibility of the project from the financial standpoint, the dream could become a reality if the project received the whole-hearted support of every section of our Community.

During 1928, and the first few months of 1929, there came forth a Provisional Hospital Campaign Committee. It included representatives of the Sick Benefit Societies, Hebrew Maternity Hospital, the Montreal Clinical Society, the Loan Syndicates, and Sir Herbert Samuel Society. On May 27, 1929, seventy-five delegates from the above and other communal organizations and other leading Jewish citizens met and formed the Jewish Hospital Campaign Committee. The Chairman, and a widely representative Executive Committee



September 1929— Citizen's meeting, launching the 1st Campaign for the building of the Hospital.

composed of 15 members, were appointed and authorized to develop the plans for the campaign and the organization of a non-sectarian Jewish General and Maternity Hospital in Montreal.

The original objective for a 150 bed hospital was 600,000 dollars. On September 19, 1929 newspaper releases revealed that since the intended bed accommodation had been increased from 150 to 205, the new objective for the Jewish hospital was now \$1,000,000.

"Hospital Sabbath" was observed on September 21, 1929.

A gong was sounded in the ballroom of the Mount Royal Hotel, at 9 P.M., September 22, 1929, in the presence of nearly 3,000 men and women. It marked the official opening of the campaign inaugurated by the Jewish people of Montreal for the purpose of building a general and maternity hospital. "Every chair was occupied, men and women crowded the galleries and stood four and five deep in the hallway, and even then all who wanted to be present at the opening of the campaign could not be accommodated." These were the dynamic devoted volunteer workers who were to raise \$1,000,000.

On September 30, 1929 "scenes of the wildest enthusiasm" on the part of the 1,500 people present greeted the announcement that with the help of \$300,000 given by the Provincial Government, the total amount subscribed had reached \$1,570,139.

For succeeding generations to see, the names of all those who helped to create "Our Tribute Everlasting" are recorded in the Golden Book.

Although the depression created many financial problems, there was no looking back. With an eye to the future, the large tract of land on which the Hospital is built was acquired during February 1930.

The services of a distinguished Hospital Consultant and architects were engaged to guide the Site and Building Committee.

His Excellency, the Governor-General, Lord Bessborough, P.C., G.C.M.G., turned the first sod at the ground-breaking ceremonies of the Jewish General Hospital at Cote des Neiges and St. Catherine Road on the afternoon of August 3, 1931.

From an improvised reception platform, prior to the earth-breaking ceremony, the Governor-General addressed the gathering, in part, as follows:

"Throughout its long history, your ancient race has preserved its own characteristics, with a continuity that is almost unique among the peoples of the world. Among those characteristics, there is one that has always earned the admiration of your friends and foes alike; it is your magnificent loyalty to your own kindred. In times of prosperity or of adversity, in the face of misfortune, exile and persecution, nothing has ever shaken the ties that unite one member of Jewry to another. Nor has this loyalty manifested itself only in sentiment; it has always taken when need arises, a very practical shape.

"...in breaking the earth on which this great hospital is to be erected I express my sincere hope that, with God's blessing, it may long fulfil the errand of mercy for which it is destined."

The final plan of the building, submitted on May 14, 1931 provided for a hospital which in structure and arrangement was expected to suffice for many years to come.

The Power House was completed during November, 1931; the exterior of the building by March, 1932. The architects recommended the acceptance of the Building on December 3, 1932.

The Act of Incorporation bears the date March 15, 1933.

Two points upon which there was almost universal agreement were in the first place, that furnishings and equipment should be purchased with available funds. This was not possible until November 1933. In the second instance that the date of the opening of the hospital would be dependent in part upon the collection of the balance required for working capital, and a reserve for the first year's deficit. The times were hard. The results we see before us today do not reflect the anxieties and doubts of those charged with the trust.

The first general meetings of members and incorporators took place on the 10th day of January 1934, at which time officers were elected.

The Committee on staffing, appointed on November 27, 1933, held numerous interviews with leading members of the profession, and with university and hospital authorities. During June 1934, six distinguished physicians and surgeons, all university teachers, graciously accepted invitations to head and organize the following major departments: Medicine, Surgery, Gynecology and Obstetrics, Pediatrics, Otolaryngology, and Ophthalmology. They were soon joined by a Neuro-Psychiatrist, and a full-time Director of the Laboratories, and of the Department of Radiology. After joint conferences, at their first regular Board Meeting held on September 11, 1934, the Chairmen of the various departments selected those eligible for staff appointments, including an Anaesthetist. Their recommendations were presented to the Board of Administration for approval, and as has been the case ever since, all appointments were ratified.

The original staff numbered 72. Sixty-four were graduates from McGill University, three from the University of Montreal; the remainder came from American or European Universities.

Wise and experienced, the members of the Medical Board concerned themselves with broad general principles. They created safeguards. They decided who should be given the privilege of working in the hospital, and defined grades of permission with regard to privileges. Resolved to lay the kind of foundation upon which in time an outstanding institution could be built, they agreed that in arriving at decisions "the opinion of the Medical Board as a whole is greater than the opinion of any individual member of the Board."

Our present Executive Director assumed his duties on November 1, 1933, rendering invaluable service during the completion stages of furnishing fittings and equipment for virtually a full year prior to opening.

The first Director of Nurses, a Canadian Jewish graduate of Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, the oldest Jewish hospital in America, and thirteen other nurses arrived upon the scene during September, 1934. Eight resided in the little Red House which was located on the site of the present Nurses' Home.

Saturday, October 6, 1934, marked the beginning of the services of the Jewish General Hospital to the Community. Thanksgiving prayers and appropriate sermons were given in all Jewish places of worship. The portion of the Pentateuch read in all Synagogues on that day was "In the Beginning" (Breshit; Genesis 1:1). A reception by the Board of Administration, open to all subscribers, took place at the Hospital on Sunday, October 7,



August 1931—The turning of the sod for the 1st Hospital building.

1934 from 3:00 to 5:30 o'clock P.M. At an impressive ceremony on the afternoon of the following day, Lord Bessborough placed the last stone marking the completion of the building.

Our present pharmacist arrived on October 4, 1934.

The first intern group numbered nine, including three Residents; one each in Medicine, Surgery, and Gynecology and Obstetrics. They took up their duties on October 14, 1934.

Our present admitting officer arrived on October 15.

Primarily designed for patient care, the quality of service rendered by the entire staff was in demand early. By 1936 when our medical staff numbered 107, many patients could not gain prompt admission to the wards. In less than a decade what were regarded as very spacious raiments during the infant stage, no longer fit. During 1943 our qualitative and spatial requirements were blueprinted, and a comprehensive expansion programme to be unfolded in stages recommended.

Our second Campaign again directed to the Jewish Community only was launched on February 8, 1945. "The same unity of purpose, generosity and self-sacrifice which distinguished our first Campaign, were again manifested."

Given top priority, the building of the Jewish General Hospital School of Nursing was completed in 1950 (5711). It is the only School of Nursing in Canada to be organized under Jewish auspices, open to approved applicants of all races and creeds. The first group of student nurses registered in 1951.

Whereas members of the medical profession continue to absorb "a larger share of attention and regard," without "noble types of good Heroic womanhood," who uphold high traditions, and the "dignity of the most gentle profession" all hospitals could accomplish but little. When the complete account is given, the devotion and activities of all our members of the companion profession will occupy a prominent place.

The second phase of the expansion programme was directed to the creation of new public and private wards, operating rooms and more spacious laboratories. It necessitated a third building campaign in 1949.

To increase the Hospital's bed capacity to 400, to provide research facilities, additional ancillary services and to renovate the "old" areas, in 1953 we for the first time directed our fourth appeal to the general Corporate life of our City, as well as to the members of our own Community. Leaders of Government, Industry and Finance gave strong support to our appeal by lending the Campaign the distinction of their names and the prestige of their high offices. With their support and participation, the Campaign met with a warm, and generous response. This Campaign and the fifth held under similar circumstances in 1958 will be remembered as demonstrations of the Community co-operation for which Montreal has long been noted. Both Federal and Provincial Governments played generous constructive roles in these Campaigns.

No strangers to the Laws of Hygiene (Leviticus 13: 46), versed early in the high educational purposes of the Bet hegdesh la aniyim (hospital), when the time was opportune, step by step we began to develop an attractive training programme for bright young men who sought appointments as interns, and in pyramidal fashion advancement to the Residency level. In 1957 our intern-resident training programme was accorded still broader and numerically greater acceptance by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec, and by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Including Fellows, more than forty young men and women are now appointed annually. The quality of the 342 who received part of their training with us is an excellent visible gauge not only of those who were taught, but also of those who teach. From the ranks have come Heads of three major departments, and many others who occupy important posts in our Hospital. A number of those who reside elsewhere and hold important hospital and university positions have returned for these Celebrations. Their scientific communications reveal that they are converting their training into practical power.

Our laboratory and research family is getting larger and stronger. But without resorting to enumeration, or speaking of those who do the work, and of the nature of their

work, the positive value of their important contributions cannot be presented reasonably. Their investigations are being aided by special Hospital research funds, and by grants from local and national research bodies. In partial fulfilment of a graduate degree at McGill University, during the past four years, a number of graduate students have been conducting research in our laboratories.

The exhibits by staff members which many of you have viewed are a sample of the types of basic and clinical research completed or presently in progress in our Hospital. A list of several hundred publications by members of our staff has been appended to the History, now in course of preparation.

To the development of our individuality, countless people have contributed, not a few by "unhistoric acts." I refer to those along professional, business or subordinate lines, who work in a camera obscura and never come into contact with patients or the public. The magnitude of their contributions to the composure of those they serve is immeasurable.

Arranged in the order of occurrence, a number of happenings, which reflect stages in growth, common interests, and remembrance, are now listed.

1934. October 15: First patient admitted.

28: First Joint Conference Committee (composed of Members of Board of Administration and Medical Board) Meeting.

December 14: Montreal Clinical Society (1923) begins to hold its regular meetings at hospital.

27: Social Service department established.

1935. Clinico-Pathological conferences started. Tumour Clinic established.

1936. January 16: Department of Physiotherapy opened.

30: Women's Auxiliary founded.

1937. Special Research Laboratory created.

Montreal School of Social Work designates our Department as one of its centres for student field instruction.

First formal post-graduate course in Electro-cardiography and Cardiology.

1938. October 19: First Dr. Louis Gross Memorial Lecture.

1939. McGill University includes our Hospital among the five Hospitals in the City of Montreal where McGill Graduates may obtain the

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required year of internship.



October 1934—The Dedication of the original Hospital building.

| 1941.        |          |     | Combined Jewish Appeal organized: our Hospital a Founder participant.   |  |  |  |  |
|--------------|----------|-----|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1942.        |          |     | Sixty-five members of staff, graduates and interns on Active Duty.  |  |  |  |  |
| 1946.        |          |     | Women's Auxiliary in co-operation with Tumour Clinic sponsors<br>annual lectures on Cancer.<br>Associate Nurses Society formed.   |  |  |  |  |
| 1947.        |          |     | Joint Committee on Scientific Development first meets.  |  |  |  |  |
| 1948.        |          |     | Sterility Clinic established.   |  |  |  |  |
| 1950.        |          |     | Radio-Isotope laboratory established.   |  |  |  |  |
| 1953.        |          |     | Medical Director appointed. Fracture follow-up clinic, Peripheral Vascular, Proctology, and Thyroid Clinics established.  |  |  |  |  |
|              | October  | 28: | First Dr. Jacob Rosenbaum Memorial Lecture.   |  |  |  |  |
| November 15: |          | 15: | First Tissue Committee Meeting.   |  |  |  |  |
| 1954.        | May      | 19: | First class of fourteen students graduate from our School of Nursing.   |  |  |  |  |
|              | October  | 10: | Dedication of Building Additions.   |  |  |  |  |
| 1955.        |          |     | Department of Medicine placed under full-time direction.  |  |  |  |  |
| May 30:      |          |     | First Formal Dinner of Medical Staff honouring active staff members appointed to the Honorary Consulting and Honorary Attending Staffs.   |  |  |  |  |
|              |          |     | Special Research Fund established.  |  |  |  |  |
| 1956.        | February | 18: | First meeting of Interns Alumni Association.  Department of Electroencephalography, Endocrine Clinic, Geriatric Clinic, Renal Lithiasis Unit, A Day Centre for Diabetes, and Psychiatry Day Centre established.                         |  |  |  |  |
|              | August   | 26: | Cobalt Teletherapy unit in use.   |  |  |  |  |
| 1957.        | January  | 30: | Annual Clinical evening of the Montreal Medico-Chirurgical Society held at our Hospital for first time. Cardiac, Pulmonary, and Renal Laboratories start to function. Diagnostic centre established. Low-vision Eye clinic established. |  |  |  |  |

October 1954—Dedication ceremonies celebrating the opening of the Hospital's modern additions.



1958. February 17: First meeting of Nurses Graduates Alumnae.

Montreal Clinical Society creates Dr. Max Ratner Memorial Research Awards. On a competitive basis, awards open to members of our Resident staff.

Plastic Clinic established.

First Student Nurses Year Book published.

October 1 - December 17

Post-Graduate Assembly. "Metabolic Principles in the Practice of Medicine."

|       | In-                             | Clinic |        | Anaes-  |            |  |  |
|-------|---------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|------------|--|--|
|       | patients                        | Visits | Births | thetics | Operations |  |  |
| 1936. | 3,792                           | 24,863 | 634    | 1,715   | 2,184      |  |  |
| 1958. | 8,221                           | 79,701 | 1,580  | 8,466   | 9,969      |  |  |
| 1959. | Life Governors group organized. |        |        |         |            |  |  |

McGill University recognizes Department of Psychiatry for Graduate Training.

September 18-21: Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebrations.

As we look backward, we see a procession of noble figures, departed friends and good companions who laboured and sacrificed for the welfare of mankind. Their deeds remain as lasting adornments. To all generations their names will live.

The duration of our history is short when measured by the motions of the hands of a clock. But our actions—with the assistance of others, equal to the demands on them—reveal an imaginative concern with quality, not with numbers . . . and with progressive elevation of standards. In observing this anniversary from the hillside of a quarter of a century, we would be remiss if we did not here chart part of our future course.

As co-ordinate functions, patient care, teaching, and research will henceforth be strengthened simultaneously. Our Hospital will look for or create broader prescribed educational associations.

In community interest and in the realization of greater self-sufficiency we envisage the creation of a Medical Centre. As a focal point our hospital has an increasingly significant rôle to play in co-ordinated community medical care. A home care programme also belongs in the picture of human understanding.

Equipped with the necessary skills, we can in time grasp many of the opportunities for continued healthy growth which are within our reach. But in our determination to move forward, and in long term preparation for the challenges which lie ahead we must be ever mindful of the wisdom of the Talmud, "It is not incumbent on thee to finish the work, but thou must not therefore depart from it."

In simple language, some of the stages through which our Hospital passed in arriving at what it has become have been depicted. But the scenes are incomplete, for none portray distinguished leaders central to and inseparable from our development.

The limitations which derive from lack of space resulted in compression, and biographies should have necessitated selection.

To our Master Builders no dilemma existed. For to them the purpose and objective of our Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebrations, and this account of the Jewish General Hospital were to recognize all those who had created, sustained, and were responsible for the vigorous growth of our Hospital.

HARRY C. BALLON, M.D.



THE RIGHT HONOURABLE, THE LORD COHEN OF BIRKENHEAD Professor of Medicine, University of Liverpool

# Programme

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DINNER

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Awards

For 25 years of Service

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Response

On Behalf of Recipients - SAMUEL S. COHEN, Executive Director

Introduction of Guest Speaker

ALLAN BRONFMAN, Honorary President

Guest Speaker

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE, THE LORD COHEN OF BIRKENHEAD

Thanking Guest Speaker

DR. HARRY C. BALLON. Surgeon-in-Chief

On to our Second Quarter Century
ALLAN BRONFMAN

Benediction

RABBI CHAS. BENDER Congregation Adath Israel

<sup>\*</sup>Kashruth Under Supervision of the Jewish Rabbinical Council.



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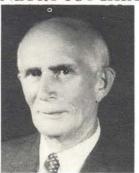
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#### HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION

The Women's Auxiliary of the Jewish General Hospital, a group of more than 4,500 Jewish Women, is an organization vitally linked with all facets of the hospital's growth and development. The story of its own growth is one of considerable significance.

Beginnings of the Women's Auxiliary may be traced to a meeting held under Board of Administration auspices in January of 1936, when women representing every section of the Jewish Community gathered to launch the organization. The astonishing development of the Auxiliary, which was to result in valuable material and spiritual contributions to the Hospital's progress, may be said to base itself on steadfast and visionary leadership provided by its Founder-President, who served in office during the first twelve years. Fortunately, successive presidents maintained and fostered this kind of leadership.

The year 1936 is now a milestone in the memory; but it proved the starting point of a vigorous program of service reaching into many areas.

#### LIFE SAVING FUND

Conceived in the hearts of generous womanhood, the Life Saving Fund was created to fill the specific needs of the Hospital's underprivileged sick. The object of this Fund is to provide for these unfortunates every available means which might contribute to their comfort and offer them opportunity for recovery.

Blood transfusions, special nurses, drugs, oxygen and insulin are only a few of the benefits made available by the Patronesses who comprise the fund's membership.

The fund was created in 1936 with an enrollment of 33 patronesses. Today the figure approaches 1,000.

#### CHILDREN'S NURSERY FUND

Founded in 1937, with a modest membership of 110 infants in the first year, the Children's Nursery Fund today boasts 7,500 members. The relatively new branch of this fund—called Chai—representing all Nursery Fund members who have paid dues to their 18th year, swells the total enrollment to nearly 10,000.

Over the years the Children's Nursery Fund has dedicated itself to maintaining the most modern equipment in the Hospital's nurseries—which today rank among the finest on the continent. The fund also provides layettes to needy mothers. In 1958, 48 layettes were issued.

In recent years, fund-raising projects have played an important role in the life of the Auxiliary. Chief among these are Gift Shop, Canteen and Outlet Shop.

The Gift Shop, now known as the Forget-Me-Not Gift Shop, was first opened in 1951. Originally stocked with a limited range of merchandise for the newborn and the sick, it has grown to a specialty shop featuring tastefully displayed items from around the world and suited to most needs.

Canteen. The Canteen—one of the major fund-raising projects of the Auxiliary, opened its doors on Sept. 8th, 1954. From the funds raised through the operations of this project, considerable support has been given to the Diabetic Day Care Clinic, the first of its kind in Canada.

The Canteen serves visitors, outpatients and hospital personnel.

Outlet Shop. An innovation in fund-raising was established with the launching of the Outlet Shop in Ville St. Laurent on December 11th, 1957. The entire stock, with a considerable range of articles, from clothing to furniture is continuously replenished through the generosity of the hospital-minded community. Funds raised in this manner are used in support of the Medical Research Program and Psychiatric Department.

Volunteer Department. Volunteers have been active in the hospital for many years. With growth and development, it became necessary to organize and direct their activities. In 1955, therefore, a Director of Volunteers was appointed. From a small group of 232 their numbers have increased to nearly 500 volunteers. They are a vital adjunct to the proper functioning of the Canteen, Gift Shop and Outlet Shop and they serve throughout the hospital.

Because of the continued growth of the Volunteer Department, it was realized that to maintain and perpetuate high standards of service, a course of instruction and indoctrination for all new volunteers was necessary. Accordingly, a course for this purpose has now been organized.

For some 20 years, a group of dedicated women performed a valuable service to the hospital in making surgical dressings. The work was particularly important during the war years, when nursing personnel was limited.

Backbone of the Women's Auxiliary is the membership through whose untiring efforts the work of the Auxiliary has moved forward in giant strides. The numbers continue to grow. From a total of 2,004 at the end of the first year, the number has increased to the point where it is approaching 5,000.

The Women's Auxiliary has kept pace with the hospital's growth through the years, and its present leadership looks confidently toward the future. They are certain that the warmhearted women of Montreal will continue to respond to the Auxiliary's call in meeting the ever-increasing needs of the hospital.

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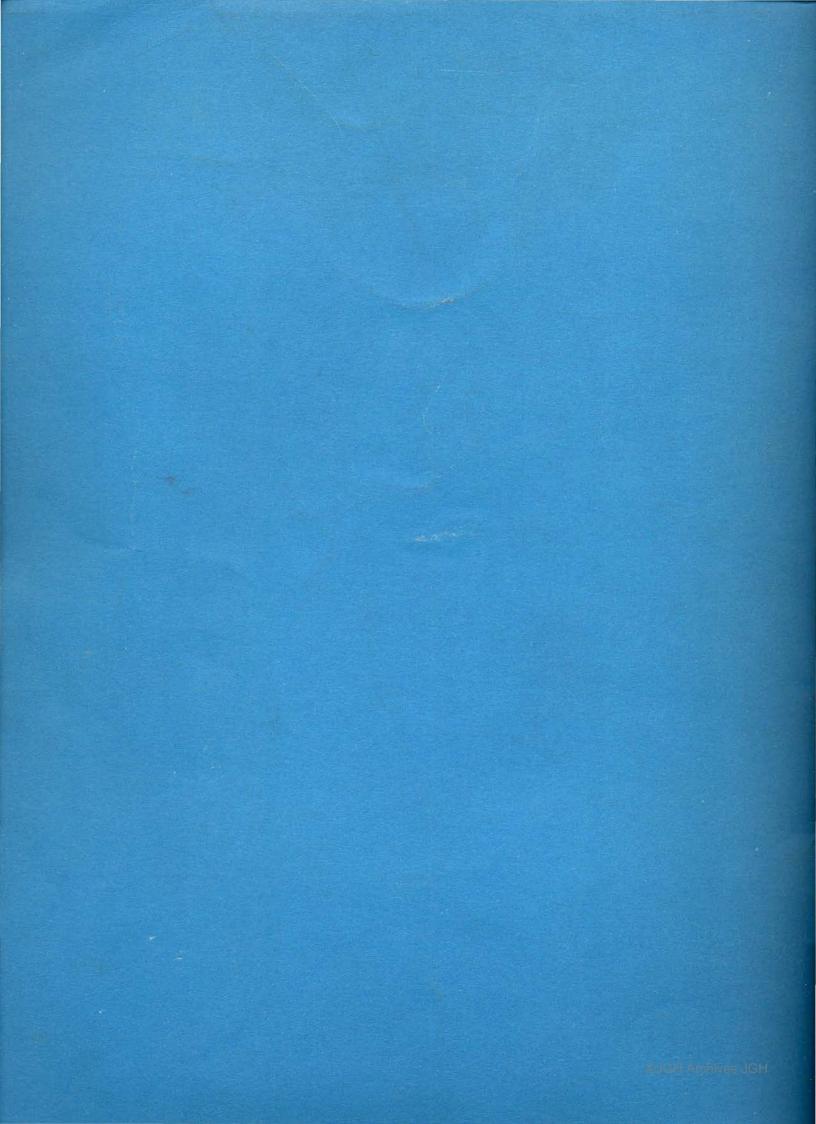
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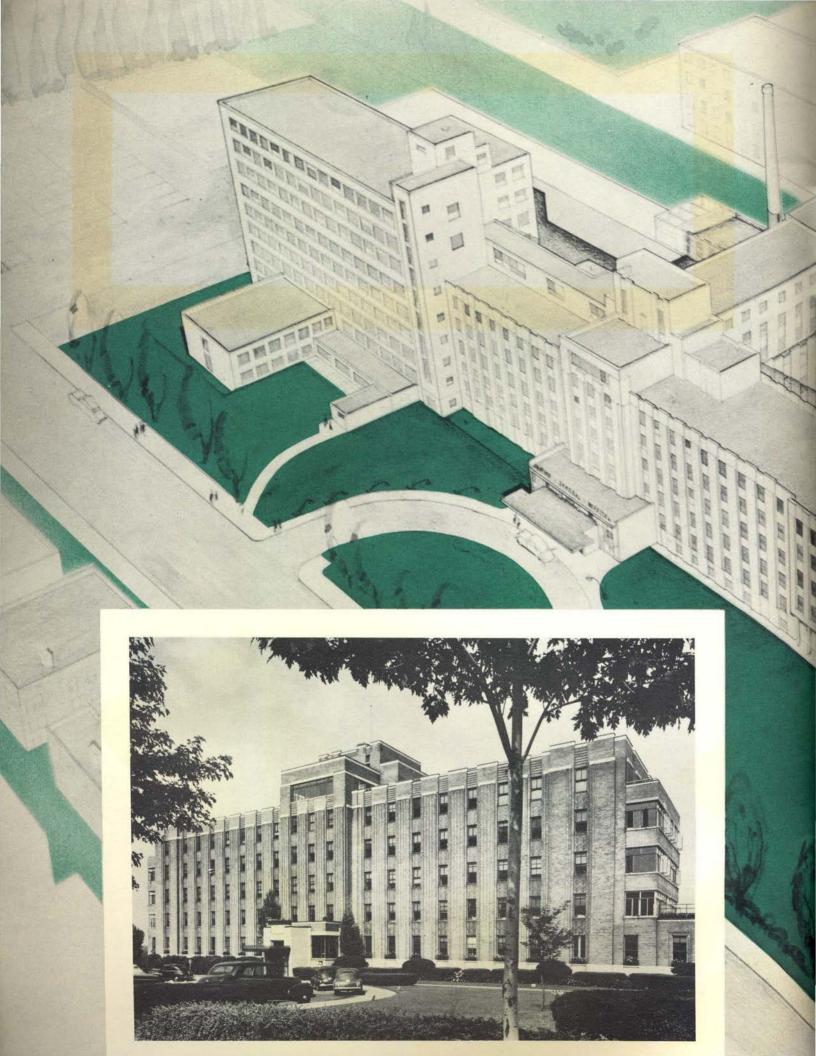
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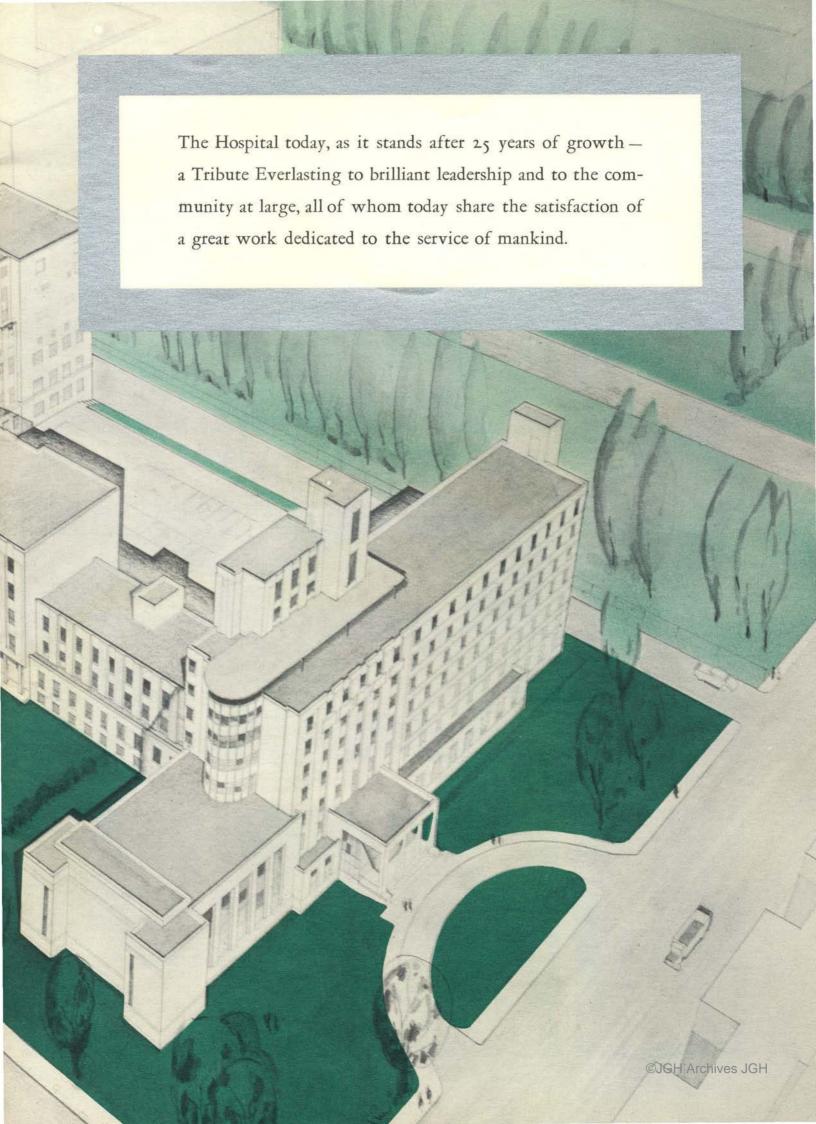


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Montreal, September 20, 1929

It must always be remembered that the creation of the Jewish General Hospital was not the work of an individual, or even a group of individuals. That this magnificent memorial did open its doors in 1934 was due to the sincere and untiring efforts of the entire community. In reproducing this page from the Canadian Jewish Chronicle of Sept. 20, 1929, we pay tribute to the entire army of dedicated people who participated in the formation of this, our Tribute Everlasting.

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# HISTORY

he Jewish General Hospital was formally opened in Montreal, on October 8, 1934. But the narrative looks back much longer; for it is not concerned with a single founder, but with the lives of remarkable persons, many of them fruitful creators. The quality of their contributions and achievements, and the diverse ways in which the past collaborated with our beginning, will be detailed in the history of our hospital concurrently being written and soon to be published.

Although the scenes which we have attempted to portray do not tell the whole story, each one images the course of acion taken by men and women bound by a common devotion, and dedicated to the belief that man's services to humanity are the yardstick by which we measure his value.

Let us grasp the thread of our story during the period when those associated with the Hebrew Maternity Hospital, and physicians united as members of the Montreal Clinical Society together set a movement toward the erection of a Jewish Maternity and General Hospital in motion.

Having taken the initiative, they consulted public-spirited leaders. The proposed program of good works, evoked a sympathetic response. According to plan, a meeting of representative members of the community was convened on the 31st day of January 1927, in the Board Room of the Baron de Hirsch Institute, "for the purpose of considering a proposal for the construction of a Jewish hospital." A prominent citizen having undertaken to defray the expense of a survey, a committee with power to add to its numbers was appointed and instructed to bring in a detailed report. But before proceeding, in "order that anyone who desired to do so might be given the opportunity of representing information, views or opinions," a public sitting was arranged for May 10, 1927. The session was advertised in the Anglo-Jewish press, and special notices to the number of about sixty were mailed to heads of local Jewish organizations. Attended by approximately 100 persons, a goodly number from the east end of the city, the idea of a survey met with the approbation of the majority. To the credit of some of the prominent citizens both lay and professional who did not at first relish the project, let it be said that when the plans got underway, they too became ardent supporters; some later coming to occupy most important positions.

The three considerations to which members of the survey committee devoted most of their attention, were the following:

- I. Did there exist an obligation on the part of the Jewish community of Montreal to provide much-needed hospital facilities?
  - II. Would it be possible medically to staff the hospital, adequately?
- III. Could and would the Jewish community financially facilitate and maintain a general hospital?

The committee consulted the annual reports of various local and out of town hospitals, as well as the statistics of the Benevolent Institutions published by the Bureau of Statistics of the Province of Quebec covering all the hospitals in the Province. The material thus gathered was supplemented by first-hand information obtained directly from the various hospitals in the City of Montreal through the kindness and courtesy of their Presidents, and Executive Directors. The committee also corresponded with hospital authorities in American cities where Jewish hospitals already existed.

During 1926, 1,892 Jewish patients were cared for in the general hospitals of Montreal. Of this number the majority were accommodated at the Royal Victoria Hospital, and Montreal General Hospital; the remainder at the Hôtel Dieu and other French hospitals. Assuming that each patient remained in the hospital 14 days, the average of occupancy, the Jews of Montreal during 1926 occupied 130.5 beds or 8% of the total available beds which numbered 2,068 including 353 beds for maternity cases. This latter figure included the 16 beds provided by the Hebrew Maternity Hospital.

At the time, there was a recognized shortage of about 2,000 beds. Based upon their proportion of the population, according to the previous Dominion census the Jewish community of Montreal might reasonably be expected to provide a minimum of 155 beds; 129 for general purposes, and 26 for maternity patients.

In a general way, the survey considered the situation of Jewish doctors, since very few had been afforded the opportunity of using local hospital facilities. Year by year, many well-trained young men were lost to the community to which they would not return, as long as they could not find opportunities for progressive self-expression. It was the studied opinion of the committee that with two or three possible exceptions, a general hospital could "be headed and staffed by local Jewish doctors. Any departments which might not be headed immediately from this source could be directed by competent importations, or by local non-Jewish medical men."

With regard to nurses it was recorded that a number of Canadian Jewish girls had obtained their training elsewhere, and that a few had been able to obtain partial training at the Hebrew Maternity Hospital. The development of a local opportunity for Jewish girls to become nurses was regarded as a highly desirable and required function of a Jewish hospital.

In the opinion of those connected with the survey, both the obligation and the responsibilities were to be regarded as privileges. A contribution to the common weal would also be a tangible fitting expression of appreciation to hospitals which had long succored our sick.

As to feasibility of the project from the financial standpoint, the dream could become a reality if the project received the whole-hearted support of every section of our Community.

During 1928, and the first few months of 1929, there came forth a Provisional Hospital Campaign Committee. It included representatives of the Sick Benefit Societies, Hebrew Maternity Hospital, the Montreal Clinical Society, the Loan Syndicates, and Sir Herbert Samuel Society. On May 27, 1929, seventy-five delegates from the above and other communal organizations and other leading Jewish citizens met and formed the Jewish Hospital Campaign Committee. The Chairman, and a widely representative Executive Committee



September 1929— Citizen's meeting, launching the 1st Campaign for the building of the Hospital.

composed of 15 members, were appointed and authorized to develop the plans for the campaign and the organization of a non-sectarian Jewish General and Maternity Hospital in Montreal.

The original objective for a 150 bed hospital was 600,000 dollars. On September 19, 1929 newspaper releases revealed that since the intended bed accommodation had been increased from 150 to 205, the new objective for the Jewish hospital was now \$1,000,000.

"Hospital Sabbath" was observed on September 21, 1929.

A gong was sounded in the ballroom of the Mount Royal Hotel, at 9 P.M., September 22, 1929, in the presence of nearly 3,000 men and women. It marked the official opening of the campaign inaugurated by the Jewish people of Montreal for the purpose of building a general and maternity hospital. "Every chair was occupied, men and women crowded the galleries and stood four and five deep in the hallway, and even then all who wanted to be present at the opening of the campaign could not be accommodated." These were the dynamic devoted volunteer workers who were to raise \$1,000,000.

On September 30, 1929 "scenes of the wildest enthusiasm" on the part of the 1,500 people present greeted the announcement that with the help of \$300,000 given by the Provincial Government, the total amount subscribed had reached \$1,570,139.

For succeeding generations to see, the names of all those who helped to create "Our Tribute Everlasting" are recorded in the Golden Book.

Although the depression created many financial problems, there was no looking back. With an eye to the future, the large tract of land on which the Hospital is built was acquired during February 1930.

The services of a distinguished Hospital Consultant and architects were engaged to guide the Site and Building Committee.

His Excellency, the Governor-General, Lord Bessborough, P.C., G.C.M.G., turned the first sod at the ground-breaking ceremonies of the Jewish General Hospital at Cote des Neiges and St. Catherine Road on the afternoon of August 3, 1931.

From an improvised reception platform, prior to the earth-breaking ceremony, the Governor-General addressed the gathering, in part, as follows:

"Throughout its long history, your ancient race has preserved its own characteristics, with a continuity that is almost unique among the peoples of the world. Among those characteristics, there is one that has always earned the admiration of your friends and foes alike; it is your magnificent loyalty to your own kindred. In times of prosperity or of adversity, in the face of misfortune, exile and persecution, nothing has ever shaken the ties that unite one member of Jewry to another. Nor has this loyalty manifested itself only in sentiment; it has always taken when need arises, a very practical shape.

"...in breaking the earth on which this great hospital is to be erected I express my sincere hope that, with God's blessing, it may long fulfil the errand of mercy for which it is destined."

The final plan of the building, submitted on May 14, 1931 provided for a hospital which in structure and arrangement was expected to suffice for many years to come.

The Power House was completed during November, 1931; the exterior of the building by March, 1932. The architects recommended the acceptance of the Building on December 3, 1932.

The Act of Incorporation bears the date March 15, 1933.

Two points upon which there was almost universal agreement were in the first place, that furnishings and equipment should be purchased with available funds. This was not possible until November 1933. In the second instance that the date of the opening of the hospital would be dependent in part upon the collection of the balance required for working capital, and a reserve for the first year's deficit. The times were hard. The results we see before us today do not reflect the anxieties and doubts of those charged with the trust.

The first general meetings of members and incorporators took place on the 10th day of January 1934, at which time officers were elected.

The Committee on staffing, appointed on November 27, 1933, held numerous interviews with leading members of the profession, and with university and hospital authorities. During June 1934, six distinguished physicians and surgeons, all university teachers, graciously accepted invitations to head and organize the following major departments: Medicine, Surgery, Gynecology and Obstetrics, Pediatrics, Otolaryngology, and Ophthalmology. They were soon joined by a Neuro-Psychiatrist, and a full-time Director of the Laboratories, and of the Department of Radiology. After joint conferences, at their first regular Board Meeting held on September 11, 1934, the Chairmen of the various departments selected those eligible for staff appointments, including an Anaesthetist. Their recommendations were presented to the Board of Administration for approval, and as has been the case ever since, all appointments were ratified.

The original staff numbered 72. Sixty-four were graduates from McGill University, three from the University of Montreal; the remainder came from American or European Universities.

Wise and experienced, the members of the Medical Board concerned themselves with broad general principles. They created safeguards. They decided who should be given the privilege of working in the hospital, and defined grades of permission with regard to privileges. Resolved to lay the kind of foundation upon which in time an outstanding institution could be built, they agreed that in arriving at decisions "the opinion of the Medical Board as a whole is greater than the opinion of any individual member of the Board."

Our present Executive Director assumed his duties on November 1, 1933, rendering invaluable service during the completion stages of furnishing fittings and equipment for virtually a full year prior to opening.

The first Director of Nurses, a Canadian Jewish graduate of Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, the oldest Jewish hospital in America, and thirteen other nurses arrived upon the scene during September, 1934. Eight resided in the little Red House which was located on the site of the present Nurses' Home.

Saturday, October 6, 1934, marked the beginning of the services of the Jewish General Hospital to the Community. Thanksgiving prayers and appropriate sermons were given in all Jewish places of worship. The portion of the Pentateuch read in all Synagogues on that day was "In the Beginning" (Breshit; Genesis 1:1). A reception by the Board of Administration, open to all subscribers, took place at the Hospital on Sunday, October 7,



August 1931—The turning of the sod for the 1st Hospital building.

1934 from 3:00 to 5:30 o'clock P.M. At an impressive ceremony on the afternoon of the following day, Lord Bessborough placed the last stone marking the completion of the building.

Our present pharmacist arrived on October 4, 1934.

The first intern group numbered nine, including three Residents; one each in Medicine, Surgery, and Gynecology and Obstetrics. They took up their duties on October 14, 1934.

Our present admitting officer arrived on October 15.

Primarily designed for patient care, the quality of service rendered by the entire staff was in demand early. By 1936 when our medical staff numbered 107, many patients could not gain prompt admission to the wards. In less than a decade what were regarded as very spacious raiments during the infant stage, no longer fit. During 1943 our qualitative and spatial requirements were blueprinted, and a comprehensive expansion programme to be unfolded in stages recommended.

Our second Campaign again directed to the Jewish Community only was launched on February 8, 1945. "The same unity of purpose, generosity and self-sacrifice which distinguished our first Campaign, were again manifested."

Given top priority, the building of the Jewish General Hospital School of Nursing was completed in 1950 (5711). It is the only School of Nursing in Canada to be organized under Jewish auspices, open to approved applicants of all races and creeds. The first group of student nurses registered in 1951.

Whereas members of the medical profession continue to absorb "a larger share of attention and regard," without "noble types of good Heroic womanhood," who uphold high traditions, and the "dignity of the most gentle profession" all hospitals could accomplish but little. When the complete account is given, the devotion and activities of all our members of the companion profession will occupy a prominent place.

The second phase of the expansion programme was directed to the creation of new public and private wards, operating rooms and more spacious laboratories. It necessitated a third building campaign in 1949.

To increase the Hospital's bed capacity to 400, to provide research facilities, additional ancillary services and to renovate the "old" areas, in 1953 we for the first time directed our fourth appeal to the general Corporate life of our City, as well as to the members of our own Community. Leaders of Government, Industry and Finance gave strong support to our appeal by lending the Campaign the distinction of their names and the prestige of their high offices. With their support and participation, the Campaign met with a warm, and generous response. This Campaign and the fifth held under similar circumstances in 1958 will be remembered as demonstrations of the Community co-operation for which Montreal has long been noted. Both Federal and Provincial Governments played generous constructive roles in these Campaigns.

No strangers to the Laws of Hygiene (Leviticus 13: 46), versed early in the high educational purposes of the Bet hegdesh la aniyim (hospital), when the time was opportune, step by step we began to develop an attractive training programme for bright young men who sought appointments as interns, and in pyramidal fashion advancement to the Residency level. In 1957 our intern-resident training programme was accorded still broader and numerically greater acceptance by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec, and by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Including Fellows, more than forty young men and women are now appointed annually. The quality of the 342 who received part of their training with us is an excellent visible gauge not only of those who were taught, but also of those who teach. From the ranks have come Heads of three major departments, and many others who occupy important posts in our Hospital. A number of those who reside elsewhere and hold important hospital and university positions have returned for these Celebrations. Their scientific communications reveal that they are converting their training into practical power.

Our laboratory and research family is getting larger and stronger. But without resorting to enumeration, or speaking of those who do the work, and of the nature of their

work, the positive value of their important contributions cannot be presented reasonably. Their investigations are being aided by special Hospital research funds, and by grants from local and national research bodies. In partial fulfilment of a graduate degree at McGill University, during the past four years, a number of graduate students have been conducting research in our laboratories.

The exhibits by staff members which many of you have viewed are a sample of the types of basic and clinical research completed or presently in progress in our Hospital. A list of several hundred publications by members of our staff has been appended to the History, now in course of preparation.

To the development of our individuality, countless people have contributed, not a few by "unhistoric acts." I refer to those along professional, business or subordinate lines, who work in a camera obscura and never come into contact with patients or the public. The magnitude of their contributions to the composure of those they serve is immeasurable.

Arranged in the order of occurrence, a number of happenings, which reflect stages in growth, common interests, and remembrance, are now listed.

1934. October 15: First patient admitted.

28: First Joint Conference Committee (composed of Members of Board of Administration and Medical Board) Meeting.

December 14: Montreal Clinical Society (1923) begins to hold its regular meetings at hospital.

27: Social Service department established.

1935. Clinico-Pathological conferences started. Tumour Clinic established.

1936. January 16: Department of Physiotherapy opened.

30: Women's Auxiliary founded.

1937. Special Research Laboratory created.

Montreal School of Social Work designates our Department as one

of its centres for student field instruction. First formal post-graduate course in Electro-cardiography and

Cardiology.

1938. October 19: First Dr. Louis Gross Memorial Lecture.

1939. McGill University includes our Hospital among the five Hospitals

in the City of Montreal where McGill Graduates may obtain the

required year of internship.



October 1934—The Dedication of the original Hospital building.

| 1941.        |          |     | Combined Jewish Appeal organized: our Hospital a Founder participant.   |  |  |  |  |
|--------------|----------|-----|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1942.        |          |     | Sixty-five members of staff, graduates and interns on Active Duty.  |  |  |  |  |
| 1946.        |          |     | Women's Auxiliary in co-operation with Tumour Clinic sponsors annual lectures on Cancer. Associate Nurses Society formed.   |  |  |  |  |
| 1947.        |          |     | Joint Committee on Scientific Development first meets.  |  |  |  |  |
| 1948.        |          |     | Sterility Clinic established.   |  |  |  |  |
| 1950.        |          |     | Radio-Isotope laboratory established.   |  |  |  |  |
| 1953.        |          |     | Medical Director appointed. Fracture follow-up clinic, Peripheral Vascular, Proctology, and Thyroid Clinics established.  |  |  |  |  |
|              | October  | 28: | First Dr. Jacob Rosenbaum Memorial Lecture.   |  |  |  |  |
| November 15: |          | 15: | First Tissue Committee Meeting.   |  |  |  |  |
| 1954.        | May      | 19: | First class of fourteen students graduate from our School of Nursing.   |  |  |  |  |
|              | October  | 10: | Dedication of Building Additions.   |  |  |  |  |
| 1955.        |          |     | Department of Medicine placed under full-time direction.  |  |  |  |  |
|              | May      | 30: | First Formal Dinner of Medical Staff honouring active staff members appointed to the Honorary Consulting and Honorary Attending Staffs.   |  |  |  |  |
|              |          |     | Special Research Fund established.  |  |  |  |  |
| 1956.        | February | 18: | First meeting of Interns Alumni Association.  Department of Electroencephalography, Endocrine Clinic, Geriatric Clinic, Renal Lithiasis Unit, A Day Centre for Diabetes, and Psychiatry Day Centre established.                           |  |  |  |  |
|              | August   | 26: | Cobalt Teletherapy unit in use.   |  |  |  |  |
| 1957.        | January  | 30: | Annual Clinical evening of the Montreal Medico-Chirurgical Society held at our Hospital for first time.  Cardiac, Pulmonary, and Renal Laboratories start to function.  Diagnostic centre established. Low-vision Eye clinic established. |  |  |  |  |

October 1954—Dedication ceremonies celebrating the opening of the Hospital's modern additions.



1958. February 17: First meeting of Nurses Graduates Alumnae.

Montreal Clinical Society creates Dr. Max Ratner Memorial Research Awards. On a competitive basis, awards open to members of our Resident staff.

Plastic Clinic established.

First Student Nurses Year Book published.

October 1 — December 17

Post-Graduate Assembly. "Metabolic Principles in the Practice of Medicine."

|       | In-<br>patients                 | Clinic<br>Visits | Anaes- |         |            |  |  |
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|       |                                 |                  | Births | thetics | Operations |  |  |
| 1936. | 3,792                           | 24,863           | 634    | 1,715   | 2,184      |  |  |
| 1958. | 8,221                           | 79,701           | 1,580  | 8,466   | 9,969      |  |  |
| 1959. | Life Governors group organized. |                  |        |         |            |  |  |

McGill University recognizes Department of Psychiatry for Graduate Training.

September 18-21: Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebrations.

As we look backward, we see a procession of noble figures, departed friends and good companions who laboured and sacrificed for the welfare of mankind. Their deeds remain as lasting adornments. To all generations their names will live.

The duration of our history is short when measured by the motions of the hands of a clock. But our actions—with the assistance of others, equal to the demands on them—reveal an imaginative concern with quality, not with numbers . . . and with progressive elevation of standards. In observing this anniversary from the hillside of a quarter of a century, we would be remiss if we did not here chart part of our future course.

As co-ordinate functions, patient care, teaching, and research will henceforth be strengthened simultaneously. Our Hospital will look for or create broader prescribed educational associations.

In community interest and in the realization of greater self-sufficiency we envisage the creation of a Medical Centre. As a focal point our hospital has an increasingly significant rôle to play in co-ordinated community medical care. A home care programme also belongs in the picture of human understanding.

Equipped with the necessary skills, we can in time grasp many of the opportunities for continued healthy growth which are within our reach. But in our determination to move forward, and in long term preparation for the challenges which lie ahead we must be ever mindful of the wisdom of the Talmud, "It is not incumbent on thee to finish the work, but thou must not therefore depart from it."

In simple language, some of the stages through which our Hospital passed in arriving at what it has become have been depicted. But the scenes are incomplete, for none portray distinguished leaders central to and inseparable from our development.

The limitations which derive from lack of space resulted in compression, and biographies should have necessitated selection.

To our Master Builders no dilemma existed. For to them the purpose and objective of our Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebrations, and this account of the Jewish General Hospital were to recognize all those who had created, sustained, and were responsible for the vigorous growth of our Hospital.

HARRY C. BALLON, M.D.



THE RIGHT HONOURABLE, THE LORD COHEN OF BIRKENHEAD Professor of Medicine, University of Liverpool

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For 25 years of Service

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On Behalf of Recipients - SAMUEL S. COHEN, Executive Director

Introduction of Guest Speaker

ALLAN BRONFMAN, Honorary President

Guest Speaker

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Thanking Guest Speaker

DR. HARRY C. BALLON. Surgeon-in-Chief

On to our Second Quarter Century
ALLAN BRONFMAN

Benediction

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#### HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION

The Women's Auxiliary of the Jewish General Hospital, a group of more than 4,500 Jewish Women, is an organization vitally linked with all facets of the hospital's growth and development. The story of its own growth is one of considerable significance.

Beginnings of the Women's Auxiliary may be traced to a meeting held under Board of Administration auspices in January of 1936, when women representing every section of the Jewish Community gathered to launch the organization. The astonishing development of the Auxiliary, which was to result in valuable material and spiritual contributions to the Hospital's progress, may be said to base itself on steadfast and visionary leadership provided by its Founder-President, who served in office during the first twelve years. Fortunately, successive presidents maintained and fostered this kind of leadership.

The year 1936 is now a milestone in the memory; but it proved the starting point of a vigorous program of service reaching into many areas.

#### LIFE SAVING FUND

Conceived in the hearts of generous womanhood, the Life Saving Fund was created to fill the specific needs of the Hospital's underprivileged sick. The object of this Fund is to provide for these unfortunates every available means which might contribute to their comfort and offer them opportunity for recovery.

Blood transfusions, special nurses, drugs, oxygen and insulin are only a few of the benefits made available by the Patronesses who comprise the fund's membership.

The fund was created in 1936 with an enrollment of 33 patronesses. Today the figure approaches 1,000.

#### CHILDREN'S NURSERY FUND

Founded in 1937, with a modest membership of 110 infants in the first year, the Children's Nursery Fund today boasts 7,500 members. The relatively new branch of this fund—called Chai—representing all Nursery Fund members who have paid dues to their 18th year, swells the total enrollment to nearly 10,000.

Over the years the Children's Nursery Fund has dedicated itself to maintaining the most modern equipment in the Hospital's nurseries—which today rank among the finest on the continent. The fund also provides layettes to needy mothers. In 1958, 48 layettes were issued.

In recent years, fund-raising projects have played an important role in the life of the Auxiliary. Chief among these are Gift Shop, Canteen and Outlet Shop.

The Gift Shop, now known as the Forget-Me-Not Gift Shop, was first opened in 1951. Originally stocked with a limited range of merchandise for the newborn and the sick, it has grown to a specialty shop featuring tastefully displayed items from around the world and suited to most needs.

Canteen. The Canteen—one of the major fund-raising projects of the Auxiliary, opened its doors on Sept. 8th, 1954. From the funds raised through the operations of this project, considerable support has been given to the Diabetic Day Care Clinic, the first of its kind in Canada.

The Canteen serves visitors, outpatients and hospital personnel.

Outlet Shop. An innovation in fund-raising was established with the launching of the Outlet Shop in Ville St. Laurent on December 11th, 1957. The entire stock, with a considerable range of articles, from clothing to furniture is continuously replenished through the generosity of the hospital-minded community. Funds raised in this manner are used in support of the Medical Research Program and Psychiatric Department.

Volunteer Department. Volunteers have been active in the hospital for many years. With growth and development, it became necessary to organize and direct their activities. In 1955, therefore, a Director of Volunteers was appointed. From a small group of 232 their numbers have increased to nearly 500 volunteers. They are a vital adjunct to the proper functioning of the Canteen, Gift Shop and Outlet Shop and they serve throughout the hospital.

Because of the continued growth of the Volunteer Department, it was realized that to maintain and perpetuate high standards of service, a course of instruction and indoctrination for all new volunteers was necessary. Accordingly, a course for this purpose has now been organized.

For some 20 years, a group of dedicated women performed a valuable service to the hospital in making surgical dressings. The work was particularly important during the war years, when nursing personnel was limited.

Backbone of the Women's Auxiliary is the membership through whose untiring efforts the work of the Auxiliary has moved forward in giant strides. The numbers continue to grow. From a total of 2,004 at the end of the first year, the number has increased to the point where it is approaching 5,000.

The Women's Auxiliary has kept pace with the hospital's growth through the years, and its present leadership looks confidently toward the future. They are certain that the warmhearted women of Montreal will continue to respond to the Auxiliary's call in meeting the ever-increasing needs of the hospital.

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