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THE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.

This is in reality the fifty-second year of the existence of this institution.

In the year 1819, Montreal was comparatively a small city with a population of about 18,000. There were at that early period of our history, men possessing all that benevolence and decision of character, which led to the establishment of an institution which has become in our day one of the most important and benevolent charities on this continent. The town of Montreal was at that time increasing in size and importance. Emigration was annually augmenting our numbers, and the Hotel Dieu Hospital, the only hospital in existence at that period in this city, was found to be inadequate to the requirements of the indigent sick. A larger number of emigrants that year sought an asylum and new home in Canada. The western province of Ontario was very sparsely populated, and many of the emigrants who arrived amongst us with a view of going West, were afflicted with fever and other diseases requiring medical treatment and the comforts of a home.

From this increasing necessity a few benevolent gentlemen met together, a subscription was started, and a temporary house leased for the purposes of a hospital. The good effected was so marked during the first year, that it was subsequently decided to secure a site, and erect thereon a building with the intention of a permanent establishment. Ground was purchased, and a sum of £2,200 was raised by public subscription.

"In January, 1821, a special committee appointed for that purpose, entered into a contract for the erection of the edifice "known as the Montreal General Hospital." The building first erected forms the present body of the hospital. It consisted of ten wards, and was calculated to contain about 60 beds. The building was formally opened in May, 1822, and during the first year there were admitted and treated as interns 421 patients,

besides which 397 persons received out-door medical and surgical relief. From this may be estimated the good effected by this institution, and the urgent necessity for an hospital at that early date. It was deemed advisable to set apart an endowment fund, and soon after the establishment of the institution a charter was obtained, by which it was enacted that all subscribers of £25 to the endowment fund, became eligible for election as life governors of the institution.

Now while every credit is due to the citizens for furnishing the means by gratuitous subscription for the support of this institution, we must not forget the medical and surgical staff who performed their share of the work without fee or emolument, nor must we fail to notice that if this hospital has become a source of honest pride to the citizens, that its position and name as an institution at which surgical and medical relief can be obtained, has in the main been effected by the earnest painstaking and honest work of its medical staff. We need not particularize further than by stating that the staff of our hospital has always been selected from the ranks of the foremost men in our profession; in these selections we consider that the governing body have acted wisely, as to-day may be seen the results of such selections, inasmuch as relief is constantly sought by persons non-resident in the city, and who come to Montreal for the express purpose of consulting some one member of the medical or surgical staff of this hospital.

We turn now to the details of the present Annual Report, and we must say that it exhibits the growing interest and pride taken by our citizens generally in the success of this benevolent institution. The broad spirit of liberality and true christian charity are the chief recommendation of this hospital. Not in the spirit of the levite or the priest, but in that of the Good Samaritan, it does good to all. In distributing its benefits it knows no country or creed, it is sufficient to know that a son of Adam is suffering and in want, the Montreal General Hospital is open to his necessity, and is ever ready to bind up his wounds pouring in oil and wine.

On reference to the Report, it will be found that during the year ending 1st May, 1871, 1559 persons were admitted into the hospital as interns. The proportion of Roman Catholics and Protestants of all denominations, was very nearly equal. And of nationalities nearly every country in Europe is represented, besides natives from the United States and East and West Indies. This number is an increase of patients receiving in-door relief of 167 over that of last year. Of out-door patients there were 11,346. This large number will

give some idea of the valuable field for clinical observation afforded by this hospital.

On reference to the financial statements, we find that in round numbers the people of Montreal have contributed \$10,525, which after all is not so very large a sum when we take into account the benefits derived by the public generally from this hospital. This has been a favourable season so far as the public health is concerned ; but let us suppose that our city had been afflicted with an epidemic, and that we had been scourged by the Almighty hand with disease and death. This amount so liberally contributed would have been insufficient to meet the increased expenditure.

We notice one feature this year among the items of income, viz the annual collections in the Protestant churches of this city and of Lachine, and we regret that this action is confined to Protestant communions. Our Roman Catholic brethren are not a whit behind the Protestants in liberality and charity. It may be argued that they have a large hospital of their own to support, true, but if by following the roll and having a hospital Sunday, on which occasion all contributions shall be devoted to hospital purposes, the amounts so collected to be equally divided between the two hospitals, we have no doubt that a large sum would be added to the income of both institutions.

The expenditure during the year was some \$322 less than the income, besides which some \$6,000 was added to the endowment fund. Altogether this report is highly satisfactory, and is a further evidence of the success and usefulness of this institution. We publish below the Medical and Surgical Report :—

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL REPORT OF THE MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1st MAY, 1871:—

DISEASES, ACCIDENTS, &c., &c., TREATED IN HOSPITAL.

DISEASES, &c.	Discharged.	Died.	DISEASES, &c.	Discharged.	Died.	DISEASES, &c.	Discharged.	Died.
Abortio.....	1		Brought forward	326	20	Brought forward		
Abscessus Ac.....	40	1	Dysenteria Ac.....	16	1	Hernia.....		1
" Chr.....	1		Dyspepsia.....	36		" Testis.....		1
Adenitis.....	3		Ebriostas.....	1		Hydatides Uteri.....		1
Ambustio.....	14		Eclampsia Puerps.....	1		Hydrocele.....		4
Amenorrhœa.....	1		Eethyma.....	2		Hydrocephalus Ch.....		1
Anæmia.....	14		Ectropion.....	1		Hypopion.....		1
Anasarca.....	1		Eczeema Ac.....	4		Hysteria.....		14
Anchylosis.....	2		" Ch.....	1		Impetigo.....		1
Aneurism Aortic.....	1		" Capitis.....	2		" Capitis.....		1
" Popliteal.....	1		Emphys. Pulmon.....	1		Insolatio.....		1
Anthrax.....	1		Empyema.....	1	4	Inversio Uteri.....		2
Apoplexia.....	2		Endometritis.....	1		Iritis.....		4
Arthritis Ch.....	1		Enteritis.....	3	1	Ischuria.....		1
Asthma.....	1		Entropion.....	5		Keratitis.....		8
Ascites.....	2		Epilepsia.....	4	1	Laryngitis Ac.....		2
Atresia Iridis.....	2		Epistaxis.....	3		" Ch.....		1
Balanitis.....	1		Epithelioma.....	2		Leucoma.....		2
Bronchitis Ac.....	25	2	Erysipelas.....	20		Leucorrhœa.....		6
" Ch.....	10	1	Erythema Nodos.....	3		Lichen Ruber.....		1
Bubo.....	8		Favus.....	1		Lupus.....		2
Bursitis.....	3		Febricula.....	37		Luxatio Humeri.....		2
Calculus Vesicæ.....	6	1	Febris a Potu.....	25		Mastitis Ac.....		2
Carcinoma Hepatis.....	1		" Intermit.....	14		Meningitis Ac.....		2
" Linguae.....	1		" Post partum.....	3		Menorrhagia.....		5
" Mammae.....	2		" Typhoides.....	52	6	Morbilli.....		15
" Recti.....	1		Fistula in Ano.....	2		Morb. Brightii.....		8
" Thoracis.....	1		" Lachrym.....	1		" Cordis.....		13
" Uteri.....	1		Fractura Clavic.....	2		" Coxæ.....		4
" Vulvæ.....	1		" Costar.....	3		" Plumbens.....		1
" Var.....	3		" Cruis.....	13		Myelitis Ch.....		3
Caries Clavic.....	1		" Cruis Co.....	2	1	Necrosis.....		4
" Osserandii.....	1		" Femoris.....	10	2	Nephritis Ac.....		2
" Phalangis.....	4		" " un- }.....	1		Neuralgia.....		9
" Tibiæ.....	1		" " et hu- }.....	1		Onychia.....		3
" Vertebrarum.....	4	1	" " meri }.....	1		Ophthalmia Gonor.....		3
" Var.....	3		" Fibule.....	10		" Soro.....		1
Cataracta.....	10		" Humeri.....	4		" Tarsi.....		1
Cellulitis.....	4		" Maxil Infe.....	2		Orethritis.....		7
" Pelvic.....	1		" Metacarp.....	1		Otorrhœa.....		2
Cerebritis Ac.....	2	3	" " Co.....	2		Oxaluria.....		2
" Ch.....	2	1	" Metatarsi.....	3		Paralysis Part.....		8
Cholera Canadens.....	1		" Oss. Nassi.....	1		Paraphymosis.....		1
" Infantum.....	1		" Pelvis.....	1	1	Paronychia.....		10
Cicatrix.....	3		" Phalang Co.....	6		Parotitis.....		1
Colica.....	1		" Radii.....	5		Pericarditis.....		2
Concussio Cerebri.....	1		" " Co.....	1		Periostitis Ac.....		10
Condylomata.....	1		" " Co.....	1	1	Peritonitis.....		4
Conjunctivitis.....	4		" " et Ulna.....	2		" Ch.....		1
" Phlycten.....	1		" " Co.....	3		Petussis.....		1
Constipatio.....	22		" Tibiæ.....	1		Phlegmasia Dolens.....		1
Contractio Genu.....	1		Furunculus.....	4		Phthisis Ac.....		1
Contusio.....	20	1	Gangrena.....	1	2	" Ch.....		28
Cystitis Ac.....	5		Gastrodynia.....	2		Plenritis.....		9
Debilitas.....	21		Gelatio.....	15		Pleurodyniam.....		5
" Postpartum.....	4		Glaucoma.....	1		Pleurpneumonia.....		6
" Senilis.....	5	1	Gonorrhœa.....	18		Pneumonia.....		14
Delirium Tremens.....	3		Hæmataria.....	1		" Ant.....		1
Dementia.....	2		Hæmoptysis.....	2	1	" Uteri.....		2
Diabetes.....	1		Hæmorrhoides.....	6		Prostatitis Ac.....		3
Diarrhœa.....	43		Hepatitis.....	1		" Ch.....		1
Carried forward.....	326	20	Carried forward.....			Carried forward.....		

DISEASES, ACCIDENTS, &c., &c., TREATED IN HOSPITAL.—(Continued.)

DISEASES. &c.	Discharged.	Died.	DISEASES. &c.	Discharged.	Died.	DISEASES. &c.	Discharged.	Died.
Brought forward			Brought forward			Brought forward		
Prurigo Senilis	1		Stricture Recti	3		Tumor Fibroid	1	
Pterygium	1		" Urethrae	7		" Mammae	3	
Pyelitis	1	1	Subluxatio	11		" Myeloid	1	
Rachitis	1		Sycosis Menti	1		" Oculi	1	
Retinitis	3		Synovitis Ac.	9		" Ovarii	2	
Retroflexio Uteri	1		" Ch.	2		" Uteri	2	
Rheumatism Ac.	48	1	Syphilis Ac.	61		" Var.	3	
" Ch	14		" Ch	21	1	Ulcus Cornea	20	
" Musc	36		Tœnia Solium	1		" Gastric	1	
Scabies	3		Talipes Varus	2		" Recti	2	
Scarlatina	8	4	Tonsillitis	13		" Urethrae	1	
Sciatica	4		Torticollis	1		" Uteri	5	
Sclerotitis	2		Trachoma	31		" Var.	53	2
Sinus	3		Tumor Abdom.	1		Varicella	1	
Strabismus	3		" Adipose	2		Vulnus	21	2
Stricture Esoph.	1		" Colli	1		" Oculi	2	
Carried forward			Carried forward			Total	1342	107

MAJOR OPERATIONS.

Amputation of Thigh	2	Brought forward	22
" " Leg	1	Extraction of Cataract	11
" " Arm	5	Lithotomy	3
" " Foot	1	Lithotrixy	3
" " Hand	3	Perineal Section	1
" " Breast	2	Paracentesis Abdominis	1
Excision of Knee-joint	3	Operation for ununited Fracture of Femur	1
" " Cancerous Tumor	2	Extirpation of Eyeball	1
" " Fibroid Tumor of Uterus	2		
" " Fatty Tumor	1		
Carried forward	22	Total	43

MINOR OPERATIONS.

Amputation of Fingers	23	Brought forward	148
" " Toes	22	Iridectomy	8
Excision of Tumors: Cystic	26	Removal of Sequestrum	4
" " Fatty	9	" " Foreign body from Eye	3
" " Fibroid	4	" " " Ear	4
" " Adenoid	1	" " " Esophagus	2
" " Conjunctival	1	Tapping Hydrocele	10
" " Mammary	1	Evulsion of Nasal Polypus	5
" " Epithelioma	4	" " Nail	6
Operation for Entropion	11	Paracentesis Thoracis	5
" " Fistula lachrym.	8	" " Oculi	2
" " " in Ano	3	Catheterisms	135
" " Strabismus	3	" " of Nasal Duct	30
" " Cicatrix	3	Cauterization of Cystic Tumors	5
" " Varicocele	1	Reduction of Paraphymosis	4
" " Hydrocele	4	Abcission of Tonsil	3
" " Ectropion	2	Urethrotomy	1
" " Ununited Fracture	1	Skin-Grafting	7
" " Hernia Testis	1	Vaccination s.	57
" " Harelip	1	Teeth Extracted	243
Circumcision	8	Incisions Var	222
Ligature of Hæmorrhoids	3	Wounds dressed	394
Tenotomy	8		
Carried forward	148	Total	1373

FRACTURES TREATED DURING THE YEAR.

IN-DOOR.

Simple	62
Compound	15
Total	<u>77</u>

OUT-DOOR.

Fracture of Acromion.....	1	Brought forward.....	17
" " Clavicle.....	12	Fracture of Phalanges.....	1
" " Femur.....	1	" " " Co.....	1
" " Fibula.....	1	" " Radius.....	15
" " Humerus.....	1	" " Ribs.....	2
" " Metacarpal Bone.....	1	" " Ulna.....	2
Carried forward.....	<u>17</u>	Total	<u>42</u>

DISLOCATIONS REDUCED DURING THE YEAR.

In-door: Of Shoulder.....	2
Out-door: Of Shoulder.....	7
Total	<u>9</u>