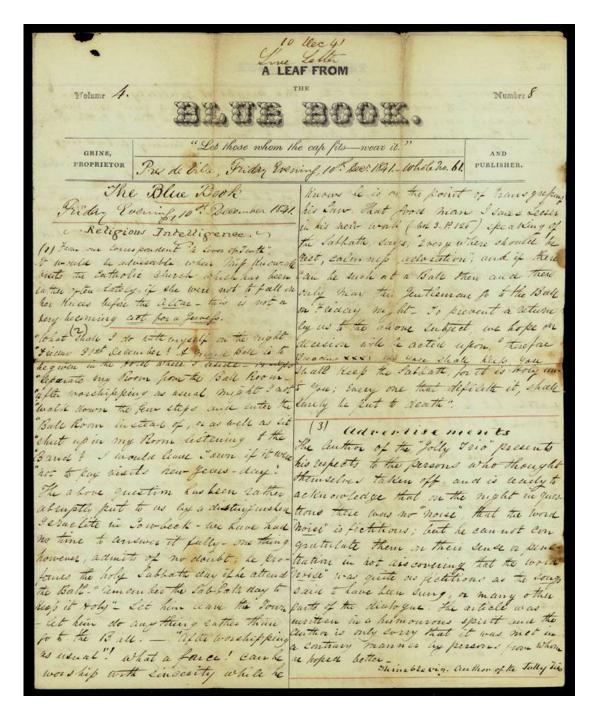


Doing research using archives is like assembling a jigsaw puzzle



FROM THE JOSEPH FAMILY NEWSLETTER, WRITTEN IN MONTREAL, 1841

... (2) "What shall I do with myself on the night Friday 31 December? A grand Ball is to be given in the hotel where I reside — 14 steps separate my room from the Ball Room. After worshipping as usual might I not walk down the few steps and enter the Ball Room instead of or as well as sit shut up in my Room listening to the Band? I would leave Town if it were not to pay visits New Year's day."

The above question has been rather abruptly put to us by a distinguished Israelite in Cowbeck

— we have had no time to answer it fully
— one thing however, admits of no doubt;
he profanes the holy Sabbath day if he
attend the Ball. "Remember the Sabbath
day to Keep it Holy" — Let him leave the
Town — let him do anything rather than go
to the Ball. — "After worshipping as
usual"! What a farce! Can he worship with
sincerity while he knows he is on the point
of transgressing his Law.

The last year of Clarence de Sola's diary depicts a rapidly modernizing world...

Saturday, 6th September 1919:

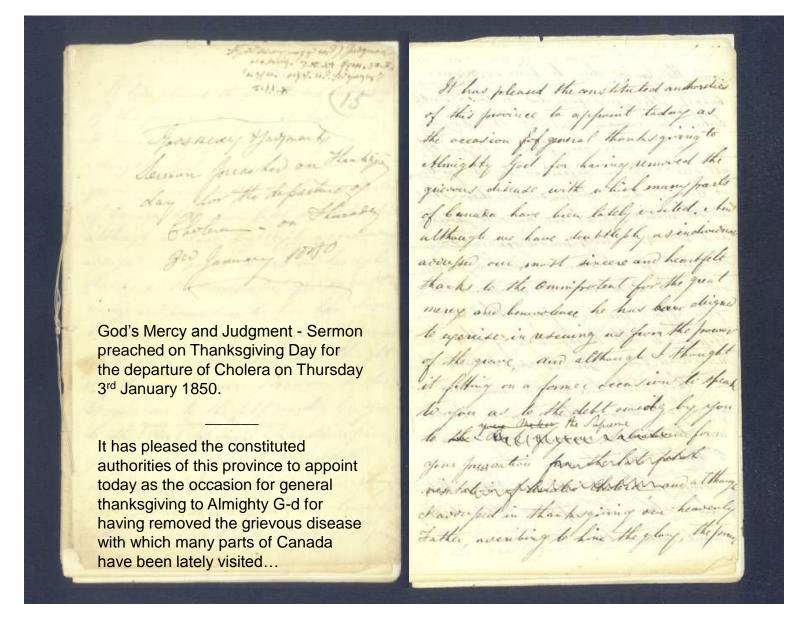
"The monument erected on Fletcher's Field in this city to Sir George Etienne Cartier was unveiled this afternoon by the Governor General, the Duke of Devonshire – the actual act of unveiling was performed by King George V who was at Balmoral Castle Scotland today. An electrical connection by cable was made, between Balmoral and Montreal, and connected with the British flag which veiled the figure of Cartier, and at a certain agreed-upon moment the King pressed a button which sent an electric current to the monument and caused the flag which veiled it to fall and reveal the monument."



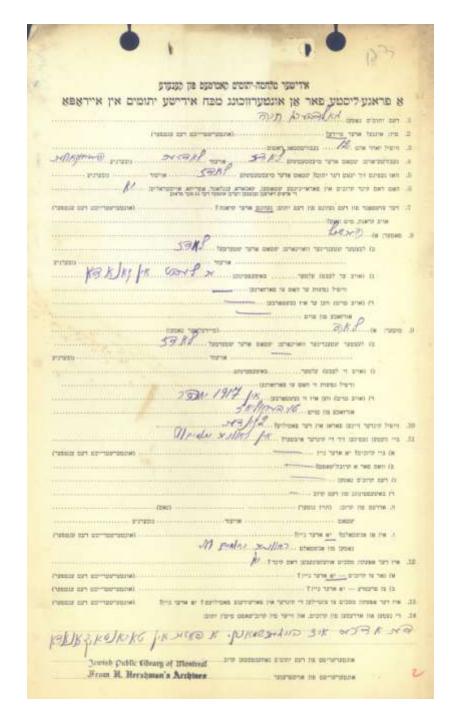
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Cloakworker's meeting minutes, 1933: "...It was decided to push the slogan of a forty hour week and to abolish piece work... the workers should stop working on piece work and bring in a forty hour week only. In that way only could we have a work steady instead of working two or three months a year at breakneck speed and be unemployed the rest of the year. (Brother) Hendler speaks in Jewish. Asks why all capmakers didn't come to the meeting"...



History can be reflected in a sermon: Rabbi de Sola of the Spanish and Portuguese congregation speaks of a Montreal cholera epidemic in 1850



This form about a Jewish orphan who came to Canada from the Polish Ukraine in 1921 testifies to post-WWI conditions there. (Translated and reproduced with the family's permission.)

Name: Chana Simack

Age: 11

Where is the orphan now? Rovno

Father: Yosef

Cause of death: Shot by a stray bullet during

<u>fighting (1915)</u>

Mother: Frima

Cause of death: Shot by a stray bullet during

fighting (1916)

How many children in the family? 2

With whom are the children now? One child in the orphanage in Zalischick

Is the guardian willing to separate the children to different families?



Look closely: both men and women were delegates at the 1919 founding of CJC.

Toronto, Ont.—Ben Zion Nathanson, H. Dworkin, S. Koldofsky, L. M. Singer, M. Goldstick, A. Rhinewine, J. Singer, Dr. M. A. Pollock, I. Matenko, H. M. Kirshenbaum, L. Rosenberg, J. Bochneck, S. Eisen, L. Bogrod, S. M. Shapiro, Dr. M. Schwartz, M. Organick, M. Gelber, A. B. Bennett, A. Bromberg, Max Manson, S. Weber, Dr. M. Pivnick, Mrs. F. Koldofsky, P. Shulman, I. Benezra, S. Factor, D. Rosenbloom, Miss B. Goldstick, M. Speyer, P. Levy, Ben Zion Hyman, Charles Pasternack, A. Sher, A. Cohan, J. Brody, Chaim Vineberg, H. Kruger, B. Stone, I. Herman, Minnie Solway, M. Gelman, M. D. Davis, Rabbi Gordon; Ottawa, Ont.—Rabbi L. Fine, A. J. Frieman, J. Holzman, J. R. Fogle; Hamilton, Ont.—Rabbi S. Levine, B. Chartkoff, Dr. M. Segal, Jacob Homer, J. Goldblatt, B. Feldman; Windsor,

REPORT OF THE LADIES' AUXILIARY COMMITTEE.

To the Board of Directors of the Mount Sinai Sanatorium.

Gentlemen,-

The Convenor of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Mount Sinai. Sanatorium, begs to submit her report for the year ending December 31st, 1914:

At a meeting called by the Convenor, the following ladies: Mrs. I. Friedman, Mrs. Alan J. Hart, Miss Essie Hirsch, Mrs. J. A. Jacobs, Mrs. H. M. Levine, Hon. Sec., Mrs. Paul Ogulnik and Mrs. Ascher Pierce, agreed to act with her in looking after the necessary clothing for the patients and to visit the Sanatorium regularly.

Needing funds to commence work, the Committee decided to ask lady members and friends for donations, and the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) and articles of clothing, etc., were collected. The amount of sixty-one dollars and eighty-two cents (\$61.82) has been expended for sweaters, felt boots, heavy underwear and stockings, leaving a balance on hand of one hundred and eighty-eight dollars and eighteen cents (\$188.18) for future use. The above articles of clothing, consisting of suits, etc., were sent to the Sanatorium, distributed to the patients, and were much appreciated.

Mrs. H. M. Levine and Mrs. C. L. Friedman visited the Sanatorium on several occasions and found it in splendid running order.

The Sanatorium's Annual Report, 1915

Excerpt from former patient Sholem Shtern's memoir-based book *The White House*

THE LADIES COME TO VISIT

Sunday.

On the easychairs, patients glumly wait.

From the balcony, eyes look down toward the flag fluttering near the gate.

Today, everyone's wearing his newest clothes. There mustn't be a single crease in any sheet or pillowcase. Sufferers, forget your woes! On the table, in a meticulous row, place your pen, your paper and your book. The Ladies Club is coming here today to take a look.

One lady brings a little basketful of grapes. 'You won't find tastier any place! We want to put a smile on every face. Yone of us shirk our charity work. We climb a million steps, and that's the truth, to bring you chocolate and fruit.

The patients look on mutely, wrapped in gloom, and breathe the air, tainted with the smell of sharp perfume. Beds aligned in a perfect row. Bedsheets white as untouched snow. Mrs. Maggie Larson, 117 Seigneurs St., Montreal.

Bear Mrs. Larson:

We are free to confess that your letter end the interest you and your mother appear to show in grans Glucksmann has moved us to the very depth of our heart. Unfortunately, we could not answer your inquiry sooner because your letter was placed in a wrong file and we came across it only today.

There is no doubt that any country would gain a good deal by admitting some people like Prenx. It so happens, however, that while voicing sympathy, the world does little or nothing at all to help in a concrete fashion. Our own Canada is no exception. The immigration laws enforced in this country do not seem to offer any chance at the present moment to facilitate his entry. We can do no better therefore than keep your letter on file in the hope that the situation may change in the fier future and enable us to be of some material assistance.

It goes without saying that we shall be exceedingly glad and happy to communicate the good news to you as soon as it comes to hand.

> Very sincerely yours, JEWISH IMMIGRANT AID SOCIETY OF CANADA.

> > Executive Director.

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Turin 22 11 39 dr. GIACOMO LANDAU Dear Mer, I have have advised by the Traclife Community of I am a lole, 26 years old and the alordois alegree has been conferred for me in Turin on the 6 the Muly 1934. I worked to much sis.

In the late 1930s, many European Jews wrote to JIAS in Montreal, seeking help in immigrating to Canada.

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