

## Activities of the Czenstochover and Vicinity Aid Society of Montreal

The Society's primary and most cardinal task was procuring financial means and clothing to send to the Holocaust survivors in Częstochowa. At every meeting of the Executive, money was raised by means of voluntary self-taxation on the part of the Executive.

At a banquet, which was held on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> December 1946, in which just thirty-five *landsleit* participated (at the time, there were no others in Montreal), a sum of \$1,140<sup>1</sup> was raised.

As reported in the book *Czenstochover Yidn*, [by the time it was] published in New York in 1947, the Society had sent off to Częstochowa \$1,700, 1,200 lbs of clothing and also a large number of private parcels.

As may be understood from the archival materials, the Society sent a large number of food parcels to individual *landsleit* in the DP camps in Germany and Austria.

The Society was also instrumental in publishing the book *Czenstochover Yidn* in New York by way of voluntary donations. It participated, with a delegation, in the celebration when the book was published and sold the book amongst the *landsleit* in *Montreal*.

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<sup>1</sup> [TN: According to various historical sources, the average hourly wage in Canada at the time was about 75¢.]