

The Establishment of the Czenstochover Landsmanshaft

(The Reorganisation of the Czenstochover and Vicinity Aid Society of Montreal)

In 1947, *landsleit* began to arrive from the DP camps and also from Częstochowa itself.

In November 1948, once there were already two or three dozen newly-arrived *landsleit*, a general meeting was called at the Peerless [¹] Restaurant on the corner of St Laurent [Blvd] and Pine Avenue.

George Klein, Honorary President of the Society, gave a speech at the gathering and stated that the newcomers should take over the management of the Society and that the long-established committee be declared a "Senior Advisory Committee", which would assist with advice and actions and also financially.

That evening, the reorganisation of the Czenstochover and Vicinity Aid Society of Montreal took place, and a resolution was adopted, changing its name to the "Czenstochover Landsmanshaft of Montreal". An Executive [Board] was elected, which delineated a detailed programme and plan of activities.

At the start of 1949, the previous Executive handed over the treasury - which consisted of \$90 - to the elected Treasurers of the Society, Harry Klein and Yecheskel Silver z"l. Harry Klein holds the office of Treasurer to this very day.

¹ [TN: פירלעס in the original Yiddish; we have as yet not been able to ascertain the exact name of this establishment.]