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 [?] 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.

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