

TRAIN UP A CHILD IS MAYOR'S PROJECT

Asks School Board to Conduct Campaign Among Pupils for Clean City

TO ENLIST AID OF MOVIES

Census Dropped This Year as Aliens Interned and Recruits in Action Make Gaps in Population

Mayor Martin announced at the meeting of the Board of Control yesterday he had sent letters to both the Catholic and the Protestant school boards, asking their co-operation in doing what was possible to educate school children to take a personal pride in clean school yards, and to refrain as much as possible from littering up the streets. The letters were as follows:

"As you are aware, the civic authorities are endeavoring by every means to keep the city as clean as possible.

"I have requested the different railway companies and other corporations to co-operate with us and aid us in attaining the end we are aiming at.

"I would ask your board to kindly give the necessary instructions in order that the different schools and the grounds surrounding the same be cleaned and that the pupils be warned not to throw any paper or refuse of any kind whatsoever on the streets and on the school grounds and yards.

"I will take the liberty of suggesting that measures be taken in order to teach the pupils to abstain from doing anything whatsoever that would cause damage to public property and endeavor to make them understand that, in the public interest, the children as well as the grown-up persons should assist in maintaining the city in a state of cleanliness, and that the throwing of paper and other refuse on the sidewalks or streets constitutes a violation of the municipal bylaw.

"I am convinced that an educational campaign with the foregoing object in view would produce astonishing results."

Mayor Martin further stated he would write to the picture show houses, asking them to throw a few words on the screens in favor of the movement, and besides he would address letters to the clergymen of Montreal on the question asking them to exert their wide influence in the same direction.

PROPOSED CENSUS DROPPED.

The proposed annual census will not be taken in Montreal this year. With so many recruits absent at the front, and with a rather large number of foreigners, who are interested, which would produce large gaps in the city's population, the Board of Control decided yesterday that the current year was not a good time for taking the census and a report will accordingly be made to the City Council.

Three divisional engineers were named by the board to supervise the public works to be carried on this season. They are Theo. Lanctot, engineer for the northern division, J. E. Blanchard, engineer for the eastern division, and W. Mathewson, engineer in charge of the western division. All three men have been employed by the corporation either at the public works department at the waterworks improvements. Their salary will be \$2,000 each. They will replace the three engineers, who were retired from the charge of the work at the close of last year.

The board, upon motion of Controller Cote, adopted a report for the \$1,300,000 for the season's paving, which is the amount set aside by the controllers last Saturday for the purpose.

Mayor Martin expressed surprise that work on the Park avenue subway had not yet been begun, though the contract had been let in time for providing work this winter. It was decided to write to the contractor asking for information about the delay.

Mayor Martin was of the opinion that if the papers relating to the purchase of school bonds of St. Gregoire le Thaumaturge were ever found it would be due to a quiet search as he feared that with the detectives on the case too much publicity would result in traces being destroyed.

Controller Hebert was of a contrary opinion and the matter was dropped without any change of procedure being ordered.