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HOSPITAL BOARD DISCUSSES COAL

Contract is Split to Two
Firms—Additional Power Urged.

The matter of coal supply was the subject of heated debate at the adjourned meeting of the General Public Hospital Commissioners yesterday, some commissioners favoring a continuance of giving the whole contract to the Dominion Coal Company, which had proved satisfactory last year, and others advocating dividing the contract between the Dominion Coal Company and the Colwell Fuel Co., Ltd. The latter arrangement carried by a close margin.

By HORTENSE SAUNDERS.
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Says Bed Average Lowest.

The report of the visiting staff said there was an insufficient number of beds, overcrowding and dangerous conditions arising therefrom, and recommended more care in the admission of chronic cases. It advocated having X-ray cases received only when referred by regular practitioners. Dr. C. L. Emerson succeeded Dr. V. D. Davidson as secretary of staff.

Miss. Winslow's latest book, "Picture Frames," was received with great en-

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M. E. Agar, the president, was in the chair. Others present were Commissioners Mrs. J. V. McLellan, Alexander McMillan, D. S. O., W. E. Emerson, J. L. O'Brien, Dr. W. W. White, Dr. E. J. Ryan, J. King Kelley, K. C., Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts and R. H. Gale, superintendent.

The committee on coal contracts had recommended the purchase of 750 tons of Reserve Mine and Springhill slack coal from the Dominion Coal Co., at \$5.75 at the railway yard and 750 tons of Pictou slack coal from the Colwell Fuel Co., Ltd., at \$5.75.

Mr. McMillan moved in amendment that the whole contract for 1500 tons go to the Dominion Coal Company. The amendment was lost and the recommendation carried. The execution of the tenders was referred to the coal committee.

In order that a test be made it was decided to watch carefully each kind of coal and have accurate details submitted as to quality and quantity received.

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Dr. White said the idea of hospital treatment had immensely increased its popular appeal, and at the present time St. John had fewer hospital bedper capita than any other city in Canada. In many years there had been on increase in the ward accommodation, but rather some decrease to give room for special departmental work.

Mr. Agar explained it was hoped to provide more room. In the meantime he recommended the superintendent as far as possible to limit the number of patients admitted.

The admission of chronic cases was felt to be largely the responsibility of the doctors, and the medical board was to be advised of this, and also to be asked to make a recommendation for remedying overcrowding conditions.

X-ray Cases.

The medical members of the board explained that X-ray plates could not be interpreted by patients, and the X-ray must be considered as only one phase of diagnosis to aid the practitioner to treat the case.

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Dr. White said the profession gave much gratutious service for those unable to pay. A little learning was a dangerous thing and the lay-man would do well not to worry too much about his physical make-up.

The resolution that X-ray cases be received only when referred by regular practitioners was carried by a vote of four to three.

More Power Needed.

J. King Kelley, K. C., commissioner for the month, reported on the need for an additional unit in the power house. He pointed out that owing to an accident it had only been possible to operate one unit for some time and the Aid for follow-up care.

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