

Propose Alterations At Public Hospital

Commissioners at Meeting Yesterday Decided to Ask for Special Meeting of Municipal Council to Consider Estimates for Conversion of Basement to Out-Patient Department — Student Technician Appointed.

The hospital commissioners at their meeting yesterday afternoon decided to ask for a special meeting of the municipal council at an early date to consider estimates for the alteration of the hospital basement to form an out-patient department. The new out-patient department is urgently needed. Other matters considered at the meeting included the authorization of the construction of a new retaining wall on the north side of the epidemic hospital and the appointment of a student technician for the X ray department. Regulations regarding the admission of patients to the hospital and the construction of the proposed retaining wall, attention was drawn to the fact that the receipts in several departments have been larger than had been anticipated and that in consequence improvements could be made without special grants.

M. E. Agar, president, and other commissioners present were Mrs. J. V. McLellan, J. King Kelley, Dr. J. G. R. Crawford and W. E. Emerson, and H. H. Gale, superintendent.

The superintendent's report contained the following information: Patients remaining at the end of the previous month, 111; admitted in August, 85; average number in hospital, 123; discharged, 182, including 18 died; operations in the surgical out-patient, 96; operations in the operating room, 92; patients remaining in hospital, 114. The business had been heavier than usual for the time of year, more particularly as annual vacations had been arranged. Good progress was being made with the retaining wall on the north side of the grounds and the eastern side as well as with the epidemic hospital road, and progress was being made in the remodeling of the epidemic hospital. The sum of \$5,000 had been placed as additional insurance for the epidemic hospital, bringing the total to \$12,000.

The Retaining Wall

Mr. Gale in his report recommended that a retaining wall should be built on the north side of the grounds on the epidemic hospital and the space between filled in and sodded. He read a letter from G. G. Murdoch, who said a concrete retaining wall was needed and that about 225 cubic yards of concrete

would be required. Mrs. J. V. McLellan said Commissioner Thornton was of the opinion that the wall should be built. The chairman was appointed a committee with power to add and given power to act in regard to the construction of the wall.

The financial statement showed receipts as follows: Paid patients, \$3,923.28; X ray department, \$948.50; provincial treasurer, \$3,500; city chamberlain, \$7,960.62; seamen, \$912; total, \$17,430.08. Expenditures totalled \$11,208.54 and balance in the bank \$9,456.52.

The report of the medical staff recommended a change in the system of admitting patients. For emergency cases the doctors asked that the interns should draw the attention of the first member of the visiting staff to the case before admitting it. As it was believed this was always done, the superintendent was asked to confer with the staff in regard to the matter.

For X ray of patients the staff recommended the visiting surgeon or physician sign all applications for X ray. This matter was also to be taken up with the staff. The staff had appointed Doctors MacLaren, Kelly and Curran a committee to decide what splints were required and prepare a list. The staff reported medical services had been very heavy and the number of typhoid cases was particularly high.

The report closed with the recommendation that an hour in the morning be named when all patients, not emergency cases, should be admitted. This matter also was to be discussed with the staff.

The dietician reported 21,669 meals served and the cost per meal was shown to be appreciably less than at the similar period last year.

Matron's Report

The matron's report told of cleaning done in the hospital, 163 pieces of linen added to the stock and referred to trouble with the elevator in the male ward home. The elevator had stopped between floors when a nurse was coming down.

As the elevator had been out of order several times it was decided to ask F. Neil Brodie to report on the matter.

The linen supervisor reported twelve new uniforms for the isolation hospital. This report was referred to Mrs. McLellan for scrutiny.

MAY VISIT CANADA SOON



The photograph shows the Duke of York on his polo pony. He will be head of the international air congress which is to be held in London next June, and may visit Canada soon.

The social service report was presented. Some surprise was expressed at the fact that Miss Belle Howe had gone on a three weeks' vacation in view of the fact that she was first appointed in May. The opinion was expressed that employees should not have a vacation until they had served for one year. Mr. Gale said the approval of Hon. Dr. W. P. Roberts and the Women's Hospital Aid had been secured before Miss Howe went on her vacation.

Miss Howe's report showed visits made thirty-one; inquiries into tonsil and adenoid cases nineteen; the number of cases reported to the Women's Hospital Aid for assistance three.

The committee on the outdoor department expansion had met and a report of the meeting was given. A special meeting of the municipal council had been thought advisable to consider the recommendations of the committee. On Mr. Emerson's motion a requisition was to be sent calling for a special meeting of the municipal council as much of the work of opening the out patient department in the basement would have to be done before the frost set in and the out-patient was urgently needed.

Mr. Kelley reported that Miss Ethel Thompson had been appointed as student technician in the X-ray department at a salary of \$40 a month.

Mr. Kelley as a member of a special committee said he was considering the matter of an incinerator and asked leave to bring in a further report.

The Ambulance Linen.

Commissioner Thornton wrote concerning the arrangement by which the ambulance linen was to be washed in the hospital laundry, thanking the commissioners for courtesy.

The sub-district board of health wrote that the rate of charges for patients in the isolation hospital were \$135 for board and payment for cleaning and disinfection.

Dr. Roberts sent word that he reported progress on securing information on anaesthetizing apparatus.

A new syllabus for the training school had been prepared and published. Mr. Kelley suggested a special meeting should be called next Monday night to look into the matter of the training school. Insurance matters were discussed. J. S. Gibbon wrote regarding the probable coal shortage. The results of coal tests made at the power house were given. The matter of coal supply was referred to the coal committee. The matter of the retaining of the gardener was referred to Mrs. McLellan with power to act.

The meeting was adjourned to sit in committee and deal with the report of the superintendent of nurses.

THE RECTOR OF ST. MARY'S HAS RESIGNED CHARGE

The congregation of St. Mary's church received a surprise on Sunday when Rev. R. Taylor McKim, their rector, read his resignation. He has been in charge of St. Mary's for the last seven years, it being his first pastorate, and is greatly beloved by the members of his congregation. Three months is required to elapse before the resignation takes effect. It will be dealt with at the next sitting of the vestry. It is understood that strong efforts will be made to induce Mr. McKim to reconsider his decision. Mr. McKim has not made any public announcement concerning his future plans. He has always been very active in work in connection with public institutions and missions, and it is rumored, contemplates devoting his efforts to that phase of the church's work.

The Wentworth street work was practically completed yesterday afternoon by the water and sewerage departments and work on the other streets is progressing favorably. Good progress is being made at the Newman Brook sewer job.

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WELCOME TO THE REV. W. A. ROBBINS, LUDLOW ST. PASTOR

The deacons of the Ludlow street Baptist church met last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Harned in Water street, West St. John, and formally extended their hearty welcome to the new pastor, Rev. W. Alvin Robbins, who arrived yesterday. Senior Deacon John F. Ring was spokesman in presenting the greetings of the deacons and the minister and his family were assured of a cordial welcome. During the evening R. J. Anderson placed his automobile at the disposal of the committee which had in hand the arrangements for the pastor's entertainment and the new arrivals were taken for a drive round the city they greatly enjoyed.

Mr. Robbins has no parsonage at present but is looking for a suitable residence

and in the meantime the members of the congregation have arranged to entertain the minister and his family. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Harned at present and later will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Lord. The three daughters

are each guests in a home of a member of the congregation. Miss Edna is staying with Mrs. Hughes of Guilford street, Miss May is a guest at the home of Mrs. E. W. Christopher in Guilford street, and Miss Marjorie is being entertained by Mrs. Durkee of Water street.

At a meeting of the creditors of David V. Storm, of Woodstock, yesterday afternoon at the office of the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association, Ltd., here, authority was given the assignee to dispose of the assets. Inspectors were appointed.

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