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ROYAL HOSPITAL, VICTORIA.

DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR 1886.

MR. A. McLEAN, PRESIDENT.

MR. ROBT WARD, TREASURER.

MR. W. M. CHUDLEY, SECRETARY.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

MR. T. LUBBE, <i>Jan. Mar.</i>	MR. JOSHUA DAVIES, <i>Feb. Jan.</i>	MR. M. W. T. DRAKE, <i>Mar. July.</i>	MR. A. McLEAN, <i>Apr. Aug.</i>
MR. W. M. CHUDLEY, <i>Sept.</i>	MR. E. A. MCQUADE, <i>Oct.</i>	MR. J. H. TODD, <i>Nov.</i>	MR. ROBT. WARD, <i>Dec.</i>

DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT.

GENTLEMEN:—In presenting our report for 1885, we have again to state, that it becomes a necessity that provision should be made for greater accommodation and more funds if the institution is to keep pace with the growing requirements.

The Steward and Matron have performed their duties acceptably to the Directors, and the Hospital and Convalescent Home have been kept in as efficient condition as the premises admit.

The Visiting Surgeon has been attentive and active in his duties, and reports a large increase in the number of both in-door and out-door patients, especially the latter, to whom advice and medicines have been gratuitously given, and in this respect a comparison with last year's bills, the treasurer report shows an increased expenditure for *drugs and surgical appliances* of \$365.73, to which must be added Messrs. Langley & Co's bill of some \$200 forwarded too late to go with the 1885 accounts.

The Directors awarded contracts on June 10th, 1885, to the end of the Hospital year to the following: H. Saunders, groceries; Beak & Co., meats and vegetables; King, bread. Contract for coal was not awarded, but two cargoes were purchased at the mines and landed at more favorable rates than tenders.

The question of contracting for the supply of drugs, etc., should be considered by the new board, and the contract system should be adhered to as much as possible.

The Directors began their fiscal year with \$2,652.83 in hand, and now end it with a balance of \$570.50, showing that it required \$2,082.32 more than the receipts to carry on the institution, besides bills not yet in amounting to about \$300.

The expenditure of the past nine years compares as follows:

1877-8.....	\$5,665 80	1884-5.....	\$6,000 22
1878-9.....	5,062 37	1885-6.....	6,595 03
1879-80.....	5,482 39		6,984 22
1880-1.....	5,491 24		7,984 49
1881-2.....	5,036 27		

*The Convalescent Home, finished in 1885, causing increased expenditure.

The past year's increase is made up principally by the extra expenditure for drugs, meats, breads and the engaging of a permanent Night Nurse. The cost of groceries shows a decrease of \$101.57, notwithstanding the large increase of patients.

The average cost per day for each resident patient in the Hospital and Convalescent Home, which includes the disbursements on *out-door* patients, was not quite 56¢ cents,

Or for Hospital.....	\$5,954 79
Convalescent Home.....	2,009 79
Total.....	\$7,964 49

The Visiting Surgeon reported last year the number of patients admitted as 148, and attended to about 150 out-door patients. This year's report shows admitted 204, out-door patients 400.

The Directors notice that patients from all parts of the Province seek admittance at this institution, notwithstanding that similar institutions are located in at least four other parts of the Province, and as to the nationality of the patients, the registry shows that citizens from all parts of the world have been admitted; but especially from the United Kingdom, the Dominion of Canada and United States.

The question of selecting a favorable location for a new hospital to be built on the *pavilion* plan was reported last year, but the Directors have not been able to consummate the desired object and would urge on the new board the early consideration of this subject.

The new hospital should include a *Pay Patient Ward*.

The voluntary subscriptions amounting to \$935.50, come from one hundred and twenty-seven persons or firms, the greater number being old and regular subscribers who are represented on the directorate by six out of the eight constituting the board.

The Corporation of the City of Victoria is not a subscriber to the hospital funds, neither has the institution free water, nor has it the right of free burial plots at the cemetery for its indigent dead, so that the selection of a suitable site (four to six acres) outside the city limits, near to the line of the Island R. R., could not be objected to.

The institution has grown so large and so provincial in its character, the Directors have no hesitation in saying that at least a grant of \$7,500 from the Government should be received this year.

The Directors approximate the cost of a new hospital, etc., at \$25,000, and providing a donation of \$10,000 be received from the Government, the balance can be made up from the sale of the present premises and contributions from our citizens.