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THE TORONTO WESTERN HOSPITAL

TORONTO, ONTARIO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

30th
July,
1940.

The Honourable Senator Meighen,
c/o The Senate,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

The Unemployment Insurance Bill will presently come before the Senate. The Hospital Associations have already submitted a brief showing why hospitals should in all fairness be excepted from the provisions of this legislation. I would be glad if you would refer to that brief. If this legislation is made to apply to hospitals, it will cost our hospital between \$4,500.00 and \$5,000.00 per annum in addition to what it will cost our employees. We have practically no unemployment in our Hospital. We have no Endowment Fund and have been fighting for years to maintain the service we are giving to the public and still be able to carry on. Within the last two years we have made a public appeal for subscriptions and were in part successful, but we are still burdened with a heavy capital debt. We are taking care of public patients at a loss to us for each patient. In other words, the contribution paid by the City of Toronto for its indigent patients and by the Province falls far short of meeting the actual cost of each patient. I think we

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