

must be resorted to, to accomplish what as wealthy a Province as this is justified in doing. When I think of the poor States in Europe which devote ten times the amount we do to scientific work I have little patience with the dilatory and crass methods employed here. I have faith, too, in the intelligence of the community and think that there would be little opposition to a tax for hospital purposes if the importance of the necessity were firmly established. I do not wish to belittle any of the work that is being done in the institutions to-day. It is good work, but it is work hampered by restrictions for which the men in charge are not responsible. If we take the population of this district alone and assume that one person in every 250, not an unlikely estimate, is insane, that means that we must have hospital accommodation for at least 2,400 or 2,500 people. To meet that there is an institution with say 1,000 beds. No wonder the authorities are beside themselves when endeavoring to supply the demands of the public, to say nothing of the needs. When Whitby is finished the condition of affairs will not be very much better.

My impression is, then, that the solution of the present difficulty will not be found by the Government, because their ideas are evidently based on the assumption that an expenditure of \$500 per bed is a reasonable amount and they will simply be staggered at all times when they realize that at least \$5,000 per bed will be required for a psychiatric clinic. The cost of maintenance will, of necessity, be as large as that of the General Hospital, because the same sort of organization is required and the expense of salaries for laboratory heads will be, if good men are to be secured, great.

Unfortunately it is difficult to get such men, and some of the best of those who have gone into the Ontario service have been lost to psychiatry simply because they could not conscientiously exist under conditions forced upon them by the laymen who, to a great extent, control the policy for Hospitals for the Insane. A very glaring case is that of an assistant, who would have been an ornament to psychiatry and who had before him the most brilliant possibilities. He understood how thoroughly collaboration between the clinical and laboratory sides of psychiatry should be if any advance is to be made.

My impression is, then, that at the present moment the psychiatric clinic scheme must be considered in abeyance, if not actually dead, because war conditions have made it impossible to look to sources from which money might be derived under ordinary circumstances. While it is true that a Reception Hospital has been established, an excellent institution, well conducted and under intelligent management, yet it cannot meet the highest requirements and already the complaint of