

mended that the Davisville School be taken over for orthopedic purposes, but that was not approved because there were other plans in the air."

The net result was that there was not sufficient accommodation, and when the influenza epidemic came the overcrowding became very great and had serious consequences. On the 4th of October, there were 714 patients in the buildings on the old General Hospital grounds.

Lieut.-Col. (Dr.) F. W. Marlow, A.D.M.S. for M. D. No. 2, during a considerable period of the war, said, in giving his evidence:

"In February, 1917, I asked for accommodation for 1,000 more beds in this district at once and 500 more in six months' time. They were not provided. I do not consider the accommodation at the Base Hospital at the present time sufficient. I suppose failure to get the needs met in a satisfactory way was one of the reasons of my resignation. When we had 700 patients in the building I considered the hospital overcrowded."

One feels quite at a loss to know how Surgeon-General Guy Carleton Jones, Inspector of Hospitalization, could express the opinion that: "I do not agree that the present Base Hospital has not sufficient utilitarian qualities to handle 714 patients."

From his evidence it appears he visited the hospital on 21st September, but not at a later date. He said that he "was satisfied with the way Col. Irving, A.D.M.S., was handling the situation."

In Col. (Dr.) F. W. Marlow's evidence, the following appears, in answer to a question if he had made any complaint: "Yes, several times. The chief complaint was that the hospital was not brought up to a proper standard."

Then, again, he said: "In February, 1917, I requested 1,000 more beds at once, and 500 more in six months' time."

Answering the question, "Was it large enough in 1917"? he replied: "No. The only time I considered the hospital accommodation sufficient was when the men in the district were sent overseas just before the M.S.A. came into effect."

Dr. J. N. E. Brown, who was Medical Superintendent for a number of years, condemned the hospital severely; and said it had not accommodation for the number of beds placed in it. But it should be remembered that Dr. Brown was speaking of conditions as they were some years ago. Many changes and improvements have been made in the meantime.

From the evidence of Col. Dr. A. Primrose, the following statements are taken:

"I did see the wards to-day, and from the number of patients as