

The Jubilee Hospital

Eleventh Annual General Meeting of the Subscribers and Donors.

Reports of the Board, Treasurer, Doctor and Matron—Directors Re-Elected.

The eleventh annual general meeting of the subscribers and donors to the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital was held in the city council chamber yesterday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, the president, H. Dallas Helmecken, K.C., M.P.P., in the chair. All the directors were in attendance, also a large number of ladies of the Auxiliary Aid Association.

The secretary, Mr. E. Elworthy, read the notice calling the meeting, also the minutes of last annual meeting, which were adopted.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The following annual report of the directors was then read:

The directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital have much pleasure in presenting a brief report upon the workings of the institution during the eleventh year of its existence. The means and improvements.—The principal improvement to the hospital during the past twelve months has been the erection of a residence for the medical officers. Thanks to the liberal contributions of donors, whose names with the amounts subscribed are appended hereto, this has been accomplished at a nominal outlay of the funds of the institution.

The directors have much pleasure in reporting that the hospital has been maintained in the highest state of efficiency. Although not so conspicuous, several smaller improvements have been effected. New porcelain baths have been provided in the place of the old wooden ones. The administration building, new floors were put down in the ward kitchens and the latter were painted and generally renovated. The corridor floors were painted and the ceiling of the new window was put in at the head of the basement stairs and the doors made to swing to a closed position, thereby relieving the premises of the smell of cooking from the basement. The improvement is very noticeable. The main kitchen walls received a new coat of kalsomine and the range was improved. The consumption of fuel in that department has since decreased. Repainting of entrance steps, outside gutters and down pipes have been completed, and the premises generally have been kept in a good state of repair. The surroundings have been provided to replace those worn out, and an ample supply for the requirements of the hospital are as usual kept on hand. The ambulance is always ready for use. The hospital garden has been much improved and become productive. The cost of vegetables and fruit has not increased in proportion to the extra demand for these necessities. The grounds are yearly becoming more beautiful and the frequent donations of trees, shrubs, plants and bulbs are encouraging to the directors in their endeavor to make the surroundings as cheerful as possible for the convalescent patients.

During the year past have been taken to maintain in the highest state of efficiency in the hospital. The sanitary arrangements in the men's wards being inadequate, a contract has been let for the erection of a larger building. Its fittings will be ready by the end of the year and will be contained in rooms built in the most approved manner at a cost of about \$1,500.

The directors having resolved to use their best efforts to provide and equip a children's ward during this year, have carefully considered various plans and proposals, but has not yet arrived at a satisfactory solution of the problem. The need of increased accommodation for adult patients is apparent, and while the building of the children's ward will give more room in the hospital, it will not provide private rooms are required. If the diet kitchen which has been asked for by the resident medical officer in his report to the last annual meeting is to be provided, it will be necessary to have all the private rooms in one portion of the building.

The present heating plants are taxed to their utmost capacity during cold weather. Four separate furnaces are not economical for fuel or labor, and the use of one centrally situated steam heating plant for the entire building is now more apparent than ever. This will be an expensive undertaking for which the necessary funds are not available, yet as the work is sure to be done when the money is on hand, it is not desirable to spend a considerable sum now in the enlargement of the present system in order to heat the proposed new ward.

Further, any extension of the wards means more nurses and there is no room in the hospital for an increase due to a larger number of patients treated, and also to the increased number of days' stay at the hospital. The greatest economy has been exercised in everything that has been done so that the utmost efficiency shall be maintained.

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THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Gentlemen,—In submitting the annexed annual statement of receipts and disbursements, it is necessary to state that the sum of \$82,283.42 shown in the Bank of British Columbia by the last annual statement has been reduced to \$68,283.42, and covers all known liabilities of the hospital to the 31st May, 1901.

The expenditure of \$29,423.40 during the past year as against \$26,378.00 in the year ending 31st December, 1900, is due to a larger number of patients treated, and also to the increased number of days' stay at the hospital.

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Training School.—In consequence of the steady increase in the number of patients, the strength of the nurses was found to be inadequate, and several of them broke down under the strain. The need of more help became apparent, and after careful consideration the directors increased the number of pupils to 16, and at the same time lengthened the period of each nurse's stay in the hospital, as regards all who join the staff after the 1st of January last, to 24 months. It was decided to employ a graduate nurse in charge of each ward. In April Miss J. M. Grady resigned her position of matron and superintendent of the nurses' training school, and a half-year's faithful service in that capacity, for which she was presented with a testimonial. Miss E. P. Alcorn, a graduate of the Montreal General Hospital, was chosen to fill the vacancy, and the training school has progressed satisfactorily. A thorough training in surgical and medical cases is given and the directors can refer with pride to the high positions held throughout the province and elsewhere, by nurses who have graduated at the hospital. The directors have made a first contribution to the Victoria Hospital Library, and have furnished a sitting room for their use.

Visiting Medical and Surgical Staff.—The directors take this opportunity to thank the visiting medical and surgical staff, who by their untiring good services have done so much to promote the welfare of the patients and popularity of the hospital. Their kind and generous assistance in the maintenance of the institution. The total amount they have expended upon the hospital during the year amounts to \$1,500, not including \$110 towards the doctor's residence, figures which appear more eloquently than words.

The directors are much indebted to and gratefully acknowledge the generous contributions of the public for free office room for the holding of their meetings. The directors beg to sincerely thank the very numerous donors of flowers, fruits, poultry, and articles of every description, including a flag pole 165 feet in length, from the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co., which has been duly acknowledged in the public press and by a formal intimation of a vote of thanks, by post, in each case.

Comox Coal For U. S. Navy

Vessels Loading at Comox With Coal For Port Orchard Naval Station.

Steamers Islander and Danube Have Returned to Port From Skagway.

The big grange Enoch Talbot is now loading coal at Comox for the United States naval station at Port Orchard. The Comox coal, which has been acknowledged to be superior to any fuel mined on the coast, which is being loaded at the island mines for the United States government, is to be loaded on the United States steamer Danube which has arrived at the Fugate Sound naval station, and it is understood, that many other cargoes of coal are to be loaded at Comox for the naval station, as large numbers of bank have recently been opened and many thousands of tons of Comox coal are to be stored in them for the use of the vessels of the United States navy. When it is considered that there are a number of coal mines in Washington, from which coal could be secured for the United States vessels at points much nearer to the South American coast, and the territory of the United States, the placing of the orders for coal with the Comox mines is sufficient proof of the concession by the United States government that the coal mined at Comox is superior to that of all other mines on the coast.

The steamer Kvarven, which returned yesterday from Dutch harbor and passed on up to Comox, is loading coal for this mine for the bunkers of the North American Trading and Transportation company at the Unalaska port. She returned yesterday from her first trip, and is to make two more trips with full cargoes of Comox coal.

MISCELLANEOUS.

AGNES DEANS CAMERON, Principal of South Park School, Victoria, B.C., June 26, 1901. Alexander Robinson, Esq., M.A., Superintendent of Education: Dear Sir: I beg to assure you of my complete willingness to render loyal obedience to the School Board, and to carry out in spirit and letter all rules and regulations of your department.

THE CORONATION.

Royal Proclamation in London With Due Ceremonies. London, June 28.—The royal proclamation, announcing that the coronation of King Edward is to take place in June next, the exact day not being determined upon, was read this morning at St. James' palace, Temple Bar, in the Royal Exchange, with all the quaint mediaeval scenes which marked the occasion of the proclaiming of the accession of the King.

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