

think it worth while in this connection to publish in full his remarks respecting the hospitals in the city of Toronto. He says: "Reference must again be made to the urgent need that exists in Toronto hospitals for better accommodation for the sick poor. Many of the public wards are so crowded that it is impossible to satisfactorily carry on the work, and conditions are tolerated that would not be permitted elsewhere. It is not fair to the other public hospitals of Ontario, which have been forced to maintain a proper standard of equipment in buildings in order to receive the annual government grant, that Toronto hospitals are permitted to display the indifference which seems manifest towards the need for improving the accommodations for the sick poor. Conditions as they are at present, and as they have been for some time, cannot be allowed to continue. There should be at the entrance to each public ward a card on the wall stating the number of cubic feet therein and the number of patients allowed in that ward. The number of cubic feet per patient should never be less than 1,500, with facilities provided for ventilation that will permit the air of the ward to be completely changed at least once each hour. The monthly return to the Department should show whether the capacity had been exceeded; and the Government grant would be allowed only for the number of public ward patients that there was authorized capacity for. I recommend that such a regulation as the above be authorized and put in force, for there is no reason whatever that the sick poor of Toronto should not be cared for in as sanitary surroundings as in the public hospitals in the other cities and towns of Ontario. Why should Toronto hospitals not afford as good accommodation for their public ward patients as is provided at London, Ottawa, Brockville, Sarnia, Lindsay, Stratford, and scores of other places in the province?"

We are not, in a way, very much surprised to note that our hospitals in Toronto are in some respects in a very unsatisfactory condition. We are, however, somewhat surprised to find that all other cities and towns in the province rank higher than Toronto in that regard. Wonderful improvements have been made in many hospitals of the province, and many beautiful