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INTERVIEW WITH GOVERNMENT.

Mr. A. Lumsden, M.P.P., announced that the Government would receive the members of the association as a deputation at 12 o'clock, on the 19th inst., in the Premier's room. It was then agreed that as many as possible should be present in the deputation.

The meeting then adjourned.

THE DEPUTATION.

According to appointment a deputation waited upon the Government and were received by Hon. G. W. Ross, Hon. J. R. Stratton, Hon. Jas. Gibson, and Hon. Mr. Latchford.

Mr. A. Lumsden, M.P.P., introduced the deputation. He stated that the deputation was a unique one. It did not come to seek any personal advantage or gain. It was entirely philanthropic and sought the good of the indigent sick in the province. He stated that many of the hospitals in the province, at the call of the circular letter, had sent representatives to Toronto, and that these had organized themselves into an influential Provincial Hospital Association. He then asked Mr. Edward Gurney, the president of the association, to address the members of the Government.

Mr. Gurney said that the deputation sought to place the needs of the hospitals before the Government. Hospitals had not been supported by the Government as the asylums had been. It was the duty of the well to care for and look after the indigent poor. In the matter of the Government grant to the hospitals there was a grievance, and the deputation asked to have that grievance remedied. The grant had fallen from 30 cents to 18 cents per diem. If the Government did not act and move liberally the time might come when the hospitals would be forced to refuse admission to the poor. The need was urgent and assistance should be granted at once. Hospitals were going back financially. Mr. Gurney then asked Mr. Featherstone to state his views on the objects of the deputation.

Mr. J. P. Featherstone went on to show that the Government grant was now 18 cents or less per day, whereas it was formerly 30