

morgue, etc. These buildings and site will cost a great deal of money. Land in the city is now very dear, and the buildings for hospital work come high, as they must conform to modern requirements. It may be said without hesitation that the site, the hospital proper, the nurses' home, and the minor buildings will run up to an average of \$3,000 a bed for the patients. A hospital of 100 beds would therefor cost not less than \$300,000. A hospital of less accommodation is of no use, as it would not afford sufficient beds for the various classes of patients.

Then the next great difficulty is that the city council and the government must be made to feel that the new hospitals are necessary, and should be placed on the list of those recognized as entitled to receive civic and provincial grants for charity patients. This may prove no easy task|

It has been suggested by some of the speakers at these preliminary meetings that the city should be asked to vote a sum of money for sites and buildings. But just see what this means. The city has voted \$50,000 to the Home for Incurables for the care of a certain class of poor patients. It has also given \$100,000 to the Western for accommodation for 100 city poor patients. It has also given \$612,000 to the new General. St. Michael's Hospital has also received \$50,000. There is also the gift of \$250,000 to the Children's Hospital.

The city has no concern with hospitals other than as they are required for the care of the city's poor. It is more than likely that the city will consider that in these large gifts it has done its full duty in the way of providing accommodation for such patients as are entitled to city orders. These hospitals have now ample bed accommodation for all the patients the city may be called upon to care for by issuing city or charity orders. This being the case it is very improbable that the city would again vote a large sum of money to new hospitals.

But the reports of the various speakers at these meetings very clearly show that they do not understand the difficulties in the financing of a hospital. No hospital can be conducted at a cost of less than \$1.30 per day per patient. The city pays \$1.00 and the Government 20 cents. There is, then, a loss of at least 10 cents per day. This makes it more than plain that the fraternal societies cannot get accommodation for 70 cents a day. This amount together with 20 cents from the government would only be 90 cents, or 40 cents a day less than cost. Fraternal societies need not look to new hospitals to do for them what the existing hospitals find they cannot do.

One speaker said that the government should be asked for the land. This is nonsense. The government is not in the hospital business, and discharges its full duty when it gives 20 cents a day to aid