

Upon the argument it appeared that at or near Porcupine different mine-owners had established hospitals in connection with their mines. They desired that the fund or so much of it as may be diverted in that way, should be used to aid these hospitals.

With this idea I do not at all agree. I do not think that the fund was contributed in case of mine-owners who maintain hospitals in connection with their work.

As an alternative the mine-owners suggested that the fund should be invested and the income applied in paying for the maintenance of indigent patients, who might be cared for in these private hospitals. I do not think that this scheme would be satisfactory.

After reading the material and weighing as best I can the arguments presented, I think that justice would be more nearly done by directing the division of the fund between the two contending territories; the \$1,000 as to which Porcupine sets up some particular claim to be regarded as part of its one-half share, and the material now at Cochrane to be turned over to Cochrane on account of its share, at the figure suggested by Mr. Gourlay, namely, \$300.

I think these funds should be used to establish a hospital at or near Cochrane, and a hospital at or near Porcupine; the title of the hospitals to be vested either in a Board of trustees or the municipality; but the funds should not be paid over until satisfactory provision is made by the respective municipalities for the furnishing of a free site and for adequate maintenance. The municipalities by their counsel offer this. This offer, however, should be implemented in some formal way to the satisfaction of the Attorney-General. These hospitals should be held upon a proper trust, securing the admission of the indigent and unfortunate upon reasonable terms. If counsel for the applicants, for the respective municipalities, and for the Attorney-General cannot agree, then I may be spoken to upon the subject. The costs may come out of the fund.