

tions in the city was called. They then formed themselves into an Auxiliary known as "The Military Hospital Women's Auxiliary," who should raise money to put in the equipment and keep it up afterwards as long as necessary. At this meeting Mr. J. J. Banfield was selected to preside over the meetings but a Committee of management was appointed to take charge of the business details for the Auxiliary. This committee consisted of Mrs. B. T. Rogers, convenor, Mrs. A. H. Wallbridge, Lady Tupper, Mrs. J. Z. Hall, Mrs. J. J. Banfield, Mrs. John Ogilvy, Mrs. Margaret Mills, Mrs. C. G. Pennock, Miss M. Shover, Mrs. C. J. Peter.

This Committee of Management, under the careful direction of Mrs. Rogers, soon had all the equipment, linen and supplies on hand and all the detail of the wards arranged. Several memorial wards were named and in other wards memorial beds were allotted to subscribers. Different organizations undertook to take care of different wards, and with this large and complete organization the work was readily accomplished. Both the Hospital Committee and the Women's Auxiliary worked enthusiastically along their different lines and soon \$75,000.00 was raised. The building, therefore, was soon erected, equipped and ready for patients before they arrived. About the first of May, 1917, the first cases arrived and since that time the building has been constantly used. The first week of December the formal opening and dedication of the building took place. The Lieutenant-Governor of the Province gave the official opening sermon.

This, possibly, has been one of the most successful and complete undertakings with which anyone could have the privilege of being connected, and showed distinctly the advantage of co-operative organization. Everything was done according to well-laid plans and standards, so that on completion there was nothing omitted. All equipment supplied was of a standard nature, so that it could be used for further hospital purposes after the war was over.

The location of the Annex is about thirty feet from the end of the service wing of The Vancouver General Hospital. This means easy access to civilian facilities such as Operating Rooms, X-Ray, Laboratory and Kitchens. This arrangement also had an economic advantage in saving expenditure of money in duplication of facilities. The building is spacious, well-aired, has adequate sun rooms, sitting rooms and in every way serves the purpose required for the time being. The Annex is used for active treatment cases, whereas the convalescent patients are sent to the splendid military hospitals nearby, Shaughnessy and Fairmont.

The arrangements of The Vancouver General Hospital and Military Annex are rather unique, inasmuch as The Vancouver General Hospital supplies the complete service, excepting the Medical Officers and the Military officials needed for Clerical work, discipline, etc. The hospital is therefore civil and military in administration. The resident Medical Officer is military and deals directly with the Superintendent of The Vancouver General Hospital in matters arising out of civil details. The arrangement has always been a most harmonious one, and indeed, general satisfaction and efficiency has been manifested. There are several advantages in this arrangement from a civilian as well as a military standpoint. First of all, it gives Returned wounded soldiers the opportunity of using the up-to-date, well-established and well-organized facilities of the civilian hospital, as well as the service of an experienced staff to a great extent, which it might take time to get under other arrangements. Secondly, it saves the country a large amount of money by not having to duplicate facilities such as Operating Rooms, X-Ray, Laboratory, kitchens and other costly facilities in hospital construction. Thirdly, the citizens of Vancouver and



A Sun-Room—Military Annex.