

You know that we are making arrangements with the paraplegics to come into the Sunnybrook area. You also know that we have entered into an arrangement with the Wellesley hospital people for arthritic treatment. I believe Dr. Crawford could correct me if I am wrong but I think there are two wards, 48 beds, used for this arthritic unit at Sunnybrook.

That is the extent of the report I can give you at this stage. There are no other changes at all beyond this in the other provinces.

We are looking at the situation in Ste. Anne de Bellevue in Montreal with the hope of the reconstruction of that institution because, as you know, it is a pretty old one. There again we have not taken a final decision on that at the moment. We are still hoping that in those areas which give us some difficulty we might be able to make the kind of arrangement which would safeguard our treatment standards.

Mr. McINTOSH: What are those areas you refer to?

Mr. TEILLET: I hesitate to name them because this may have a rather bad effect and it does mean singling out certain institutions apart from others. For that reason I have always refrained from suggesting that this one is doing this and the other one is not.

Mr. McINTOSH: How many are under consideration?

Mr. TEILLET: At the moment there are only two under consideration.

Mr. McINTOSH: There are two others that you have not mentioned?

Mr. TEILLET: Yes, and I have no idea what the results of this might be; it is at a very preliminary stage.

Mr. CHATTERTON: Could the minister say whether the local veteran organizations will be given a chance to look at the agreement with regard to Ridgewood?

Mr. TEILLET: This agreement with Ridgewood is just about concluded, but at all times officials in provincial command are made completely aware of the talks and negotiations that are going on.

Mr. CHATTERTON: Can the minister say whether consideration is being given to the construction of domiciliary care institutions at other centres?

Mr. TEILLET: Some consideration is being given to that but as yet there have been no really firm conclusions. This is a pretty difficult area, as I think you will appreciate, in that there is a general shortage of this kind of accommodation throughout the country. It may be that, as we think, we were helpful in inspiring this kind of thing in Edmonton. If the circumstances were proper in other areas we think it would be a logical and reasonable approach to this problem.

Mr. CHATTERTON: Can the minister say whether consideration has been given to increasing the number of doctors who became consultants in these veterans' institutions?

Mr. TEILLET: I am sure Dr. Crawford could answer this as he has given day and night consideration to this question with only partial success. What is happening is that there is a general shortage throughout the country and we are being hit first. This is a national consideration and certainly anywhere we can be helpful in assisting in this development within our own authority I think we would want to do all we can, and certainly wherever we have an opportunity to do anything in order to bring within our institution the kind of people we want everything is being done that can be done.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions, gentlemen?

Mr. PATTERSON: Mr. Chairman, I am not sure whether this is the place to raise this question but I would like to know whether the department has