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GOVERNMENT HELP FOR NEEDY CONSUMPTIVES

A DEPUTATION of the trustees of the National Sanitarium Association and the Toronto Free Hospital for Consumptives waited on the Ontario Government on 19th inst., each asking for a grant of \$25,000 towards their respective institution. The deputation included Mr. W. J. Gage (Chairman of both Boards of Trustees), Hon. W. A. Charlton, H. C. Hammond, Esq., J. L. Hughes, Esq., Ambrose Kent, Esq., R. H. Davies, Esq., J. J. Crabbe, Esq., W. Loyd Wood, Esq., Dr. N. A. Powell, Dr. W. J. Dobbie (Physician-in-Chief, Toronto Free Hospital for Consumptives) and J. S. Robertson, Secretary of the two Associations. The Hon. W. J. Hanna, Provincial Secretary, under whose department the hospitals and charities of the province are administered, received the deputation. Mr. W. J. Gage presented the claims of the Muskoka Free Hospital, and Hon. W. A. Charlton, Vice-Chairman, and Mr. H. C. Hammond, Treasurer, those of the Toronto Free Hospital.

It was clearly pointed out that these hospitals are practically caring for the consumptives of the entire province.

An important point brought out in the conference was the fact that these institutions have constantly in residence patients who had been inmates of various public

institutions of the province, because they had been taken ill with tuberculosis. To illustrate:—Two prisoners from Kingston Penitentiary, one from the Central Prison, one from Mimico Industrial School, one from the Girls' Home, one from the St. Vincent de Paul Society, one from the Annie MacPherson Home, Stratford; emigrant boy from Marchmont Home, Belleville; one from House of Refuge, Whitby; one from House of Refuge, Cobourg; one from Institute for Blind, are, among those who have been treated for tuberculosis in either the Muskoka or Toronto Free Hospital for Consumptives.

Whether a prisoner at Kingston or at the Central, a resident of the Provincial Institute for the Blind, or an inmate of one or other of the houses of refuge throughout the country, when taken down with tuberculosis, it is at once recognized that such are a source of infection and danger to all others in prison or elsewhere.

These applicants are always promptly accepted by the management, and hitherto a charge on the province, their cost of maintenance is thereafter borne by these institutions, which depend almost altogether on the charity of the public for their income. Surely for this reason, as well as others, their claim for provincial aid is a strong one.