

## OUTLINE OF THE PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE ECONOMIC TREATMENT OF PAUPER INEBRIATES, WITH SUGGESTIONS WITH REGARD TO SOME OF THE DETAILS.

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1. The appointment of an inspector by the Government, who might be called "Hospital Inspector."

2. The inspector, under the authority of the Provincial Secretary, will organize cottage hospitals where practicable, and will confer with the hospital authorities with a view of organizing an inebriate department in the general hospitals of Ontario.

3. In organizing either inebriate department in general hospitals, or cottage hospitals, he will visit the locality and make all the arrangements necessary, including (a) making arrangements with hospital trustees and hospital staff for the reception and treatment of patients; (b) conferring with the mayor and city authorities, firstly, with regard to an extra per diem rate for inebriate patients, for patients from the city; secondly, with regard to giving employment on public works to men subsequent to treatment; and, thirdly, with regard to making a grant to help pay a local agent. He will also confer with local philanthropic societies with regard to the appointment of a local agent who, it may be suggested, be either a truancy officer, an agent of the Children's Aid Society, or an officer of the Y.M.C.A. The duty of the local agent will be, firstly, to induce inebriates to undergo treatment; secondly, to visit and encourage them while under treatment; thirdly, to make provision for their employment, and, fourthly, to endeavor to change their environment and to place them on a higher plane of life and living.

4. The Government should make a grant to cover the following expenses: (a) salary of inspector; (b) office expenses of inspector; (c) travelling expenses of inspector; (d) grant for aiding discharged inebriate patients. This grant should be disbursed either by the inspector or by the Prisoners' Aid Association, and the amount for each hospital should be determined by the amount contributed locally for the same purpose, and the Government grant should in no case exceed the amount contributed by the former.

5. The Government should formulate the terms upon which aid may be granted to hospitals to promote the treatment of inebriate patients. This grant should be given only when all the conditions are complied with. One might suggest the following, namely, for the first ten days, 20 cents a day extra; for the second ten days