

RECORDS OF THE YEAR'S GOOD WORK

HOSPITAL DIRECTORS IN ANNUAL SESSION

Yearly Reports Read From the Board, Treasurer, Resident Physician and Matron.

The board of directors of the Provincial Hospital held their annual meeting in the council chamber, city hall, on Monday afternoon, commencing at 4 o'clock. Mayor Hayward presided, and besides a number of ladies the following directors were present: Messrs. T. Shottolt, Jas. Forman, P. B. Pemberton, Joshua Davies, Alex. Wilson, E. A. Lewis, R. S. Day, H. D. Helmecken, Dr. Hassell and Secretary Elworthy.

After the usual preliminaries the directors' report was read. It was signed by President C. A. Holland and the secretary. After alluding to a number of repairs and improvements that have been made, and the kindly undertaking of the Women's Auxiliary to furnish and equip sterilizing rooms in a more convenient position than the present room, under the head of "regarding proposed improvements" the report says:

"We append the report of a special committee of the board, dealing at length with this subject. We earnestly beseech the attention of the charitable public to the needs of the hospital as therein set forth, and appeal for that measure of assistance which will enable us to conserve and extend the interests of the institution. In addition to the work set forth in that report, we call attention to other improvements that should be made. From various causes the shingles on the roof of the building have curled and warped and will not last very much longer. We would very much like to see a better form of roof over the heads of the inmates. The floors in the wards and rooms are very worn and are getting rough and uneven. They ought to be replaced with polished hardwood floors. Many of the private rooms might well be refurnished. These requirements offer favorable opportunity to any one who wishes to assist the hospital by donating selected furniture and flooring for any particular room."

Lord Strathcona's generous donation of \$5,000, secured through Mr. Helmecken, is also gratefully referred to. It will be devoted toward the erection of a new wing, to be known as the "Strathcona wing."

Reference is also made to the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York (Prince and Princess of Wales) last October, and the receipt of their photographs as well as a letter of the late Queen, by the Duke of Devonshire.

Satisfaction is expressed at the excellent progress of the training school under Miss E. P. Alcorn. Thanks are extended to the visiting medical and surgical staff, resident medical officer, matron and staff for their untiring, good services. The report concludes as follows: "The directors cannot allow this opportunity to pass without recording their grateful appreciation and thanks to the Women's Auxiliary who have so generously assisted in the maintenance of the institution. The total amount they have furnished and expended upon the hospital during the past year amounts to \$2,446.93. The band of the Fifth Regiment, so ably conducted by J. M. Finn, is a never failing source of attraction, and during the year gave the usual annual concert in aid of the hospital, recording the fact the directors tender their best thanks therefor. The directors are much indebted to and thank the British Columbia Board of Trade for free office room for the hospital and meetings. The directors beg to sincerely thank the very numerous donors of flowers, books, poultry, and in fact articles of every description, which have been kindly acknowledged by the hospital and by a formal intimation of a vote of thanks by post, in each case. The thanks of the board are extended to the Colonist and Times newspapers for their kind notices and for their papers supplied daily."

The treasurer's report follows:

To the Directors Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital:

Gentlemen—In submitting the annual statement of receipts and disbursements, it is necessary to state that the sum of \$632.55, shown as due to the Bank of Commerce by the last annual statement, has been reduced to \$550.86, and covers all known liabilities of the hospital to the 31st May, 1902.

The expenditure of \$34,832.45 during the past year, as against \$29,423.10 in the previous year, shows an increase, due to increased cost of provisions, improvements and salaries.

The balance of provision of \$400, with accrued interest to the 31st May, 1902, amounting to \$12,400, towards a maternity ward, is deposited in the savings bank department of the Bank of Commerce.

There is deposited in the Bank of Montreal in the joint names of the hon. treasurer and Mrs. Hassell, for the children's ward, \$2,000.24, with accrued interest to the 31st May, 1902, the sum of \$2,063.13.

The cash receipts include the provincial capitation grant to 30th April, 1902, also the proceeds of the sale of the Victoria, \$2,000, being a portion of their grant for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

Yours faithfully,

THOS. SHOTBOLT,
Hon. Treasurer.

The following abstract from the financial statement shows the receipts and expenditures:

Receipts.

To grants, bequests and donations \$14,980.19
To patients' fees 18,214.46
To all other sources 830.39
To Bank of Commerce 1,840.01
To Bank of Commerce overdraft 350.80

\$35,225.85

Disbursements.

By expenses \$34,832.45
To Bank of Commerce 807.90
To Bank of Commerce paid last year's overdraft 632.65

\$36,273.00

Balance forward 1,952.85

\$38,175.85

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SKEENA DISTRICT

Interview With W. F. Best, Who Has Just Returned From a Trip North.

W. F. Best, the assayer of Broad street, has just returned from the Skeena district, where he went in order to stake out some claims in the neighborhood of the Oxtal river. On his journey up the river Mr. Best visited the big sulphur mine of the B. C. Pyrites Company, the principal shareholders in which are Messrs. Bryden and Swinerton, of this city.

The Pyrites mine is situated on Red Gulch creek, near the Oxtal, and Mr. Best found it in good shape. A tramway is in progress of construction and will be completed in the near future. This month, the rails having recently arrived by steamer. Extensive development work has been done on the property, and an ore body 100 feet wide at the narrowest part has been opened up. Some 600 tons of ore are on the dump awaiting shipment, and ore bunkers have just been completed at the top of the tramway.

A new discovery has recently been made on the property which greatly enhances its value. A streak of rich ore has been struck, carrying an ounce of gold to the ton. This vein lies near one of the walls of the main ledge, in which the percentage of sulphur is about 52 per cent. The greatest value of the material from this mine will be shipped to San Francisco and United States territory, while a few hundred tons will be taken by the Victoria Chemical Works, which at present use Japanese sulphur at a cost of \$20 per ton. The price of the Pyrites sulphur will be about \$6 per ton. The Pyrites mines is situated at the head of tide water on the Oxtal, and has excellent shipping facilities.

Mr. Best followed the Oxtal to its source on two branches of the river. The upper part of the river is a famous hunting ground, and Mr. Best met an Indian returning with his spoils for the season, amounting to the value of \$800. His bag included 20 bear skins, 40 beaver skins, and 60 martens. The river is also a real paradise for fishermen. There are three varieties of trout, which run to a large size and afford excellent sport, taking the fly freely and the spoon in the rapids. Mr. Best saw no small trout, the lightest weight caught being a one-pounder.

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SPORTING

LACROSSE.

NEW WESTMINSTER DEFEATED.

Montreal, July 1.—In today's lacrosse match between the Shamrocks and the New Westminister teams, the second of the two games for the Maple cup, the Shamrocks won by a score of 5 goals to 2. The game was not entirely free from roughness, and many of the men were penalized, but no serious injury was suffered by any of the players, except Hobbins, of the Shamrocks whose wrist was dislocated by a fall, which is claimed to have been the result of foul work on the part of Gray, New Westminister's clever point. When Hobbins retired he was replaced by P. Doyle, a junior, who showed himself to be a very clever stick handler, and an exceedingly promising end.

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