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Ottawa, 2nd February, 1905.

Sir,-

Information has reached the Department that owing to a late enactment of the British Columbia Government by Order-in-Council, aid formerly given to Indian Hospitals has been withdrawn. In consequence of this action the Department is asked to increase the grants to hospitals. In a communication placed at the disposal of the Department Dr. W. T. Kergin of Port Simpson makes the following statement:- "As you will see by the regulations enclosed, the Provincial Government pays a per capita grant of one dollar a day up to one thousand days' treatment and seventy-five cents a day for the next fifteen hundred days' treatment. This grant is made covering all classes of white patients and is based upon experience and is barely sufficient."

"Indian Hospitals in reality should have a larger per capita grant than this, because Indians are not able to pay the same proportion of their hospital fees which white patients can, and in Indian hospitals there are no private ward patients to help up the Hospital finances."

"From my own experience I believe that a per capita grant according to the following scale, is the only adequate way of meeting the case:-

"Where the total number of days' treatment in a year shall exceed three hundred and sixty-five, but not exceed five hundred the sum of five hundred dollars."

"Where the total number of days' treatment in a year shall exceed five hundred, the sum of one dollar per day, for each patient, for the first one thousand five hundred days treatment."

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