

This paper, after being read before The B. C. Hospital Association, aroused a great deal of discussion. At the same time a resolution was presented by The Prince Rupert General Hospital Association through Mr. D. G. Stewart, President of The Prince Rupert General Hospital Association, reading as follows:

"WHEREAS in our opinion the duty of providing adequate hospital accommodations, medical services and nursing services for the needs of the people should rest upon the Governmental bodies,

AND WHEREAS it is becoming more and more difficult to finance hospitals and to staff and equip them up to the high standard of efficiency required, due to the ever increasing demands upon the hospitals and the increased cost of help, supplies and materials, and the acute shortage of nurses,

AND WHEREAS general hospitals, particularly in outlying centres such as Prince Rupert, administer to the needs of a very large territory, and it is inequitable that these hospitals should continue to operate on the present financial basis, viz.: By private financing, supplemented by a per capita grant from the Provincial Government, a special grant from the Provincial Government and a grant from the local municipality, which assistance (except in the case of the Government per capita grant) does not bear any direct relation to the expense of the services rendered,

AND WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia, notwithstanding this increased cost of operating, has reduced its special grant during the last few years and has not increased its per capita grant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we recommend that the Prince Rupert General Hospital be taken over by the Government of British Columbia absolutely, and that the Government operate same for the benefit of the people.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we go on record as advocating that the Government of British Columbia take over all general hospitals of the Province for the following reasons:

- (a) A more efficient management should be adopted.
- (b) A more up-to-date equipment could be procured.
- (c) A common standard of training could be adopted for pupil nurses and uniform examinations could be given.
- (d) Nurses could be transferred from one hospital to another in cases of emergency and for the purpose of receiving a thoroughly balanced professional training.

AND WE FURTHER RECOMMEND that in connection with each general public hospital that the Government provide a free dispensary, free medical examinations, and that all nursing and medical services provided by the Government be free. Patients occupying private rooms paying for the rental of the rooms only.