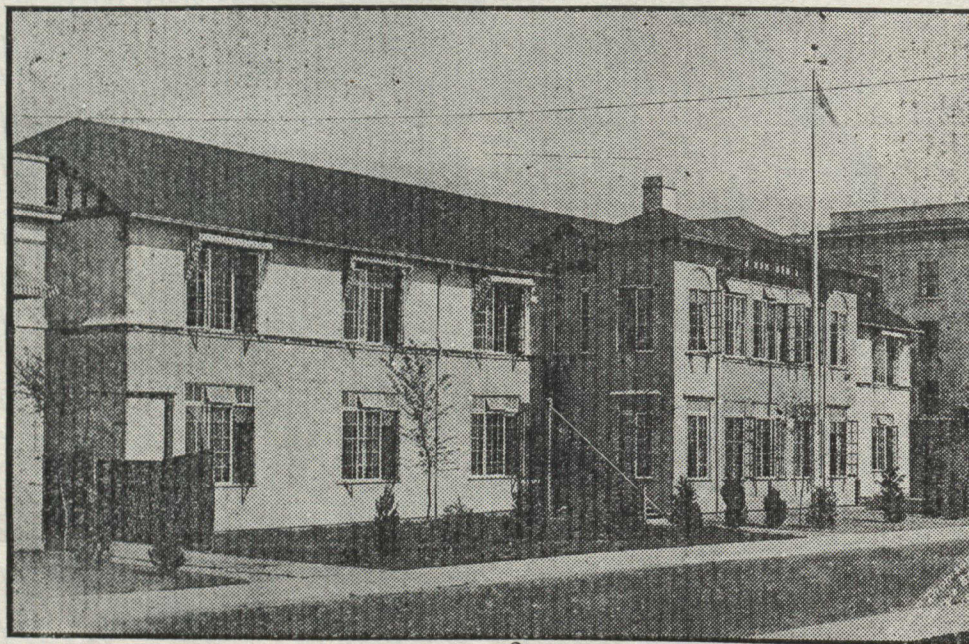
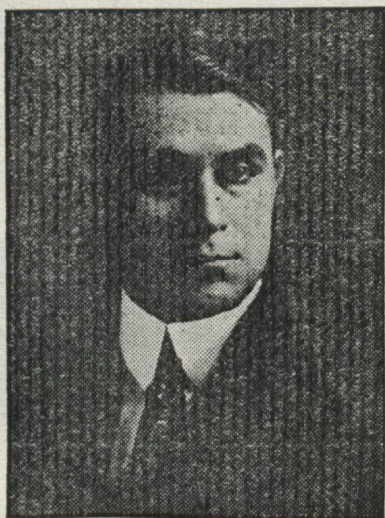


The Civil Hospital's Part in War Work



Vancouver General Hospital Military Annex



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Since war commenced many civil hospitals have altered their policy and line of extension and development to extend their service along war lines and such demands. One of the hospitals in our midst, which has participated in the care of soldiers from the outset to the present is The Vancouver General Hospital, a well-established, well-organized and well-equipped institution.

During the first year of the war this Hospital opened its doors to recruits, and many hundreds were fixed up for active service at the Front. Shortly after this came the "enlisted" or "camp" soldier, and for a long time a great number of these were treated in the wards of the Hospital where they were given use of all the civilian facilities, though kept mostly in a separate section of the Hospital.

About two years ago the Military Hospitals Commission of Canada requested the Hospital to take care of three hundred returned, wounded or sick soldiers, many of them supposed to be cot cases. Prior to this the Hospital had been caring for a similar number of returned men, but it was felt that the increased accommodation would be much needed on account of the rapid evacuation of Canadian soldiers from hospitals in England. The request of the Military Hospitals Commission was quickly complied with, and in the course of three months accommodation for three hundred soldiers was arranged for in a comfortable and well-equipped Annex to The Vancouver General Hospital. The building and equipment was in its entirety a gift from the City of Vancouver and the Province. A committee of citizens was selected to conduct a campaign for the raising of the money for the building. This committee consisted of Charles E. Tisdall, E. W. Hamber, H. Bell-Irving, Blake Wilson, R. Kerr Houlgate, Christopher Spencer, H. H. Morris.

This committee was untiring in its efforts, and in a very short time the entire sum of money required to erect the building was secured. The excellent and complete equipment was supplied through the efforts of the ladies of the City. A large mass meeting of representatives from all organiza-