

ary work of the hospital in respect to Indian patients and an additional \$200 per year for looking after the health of the pupils in the two schools; in addition \$2.50 per visit was charged for each Indian patient who could be made to pay. This \$2.50 per visit was altogether for outpatients, who were visited at their homes or who visited the Doctor at the hospital. In the hospital the lowest rate was \$10 per week, inclusive of everything except operations for which an extra charge was made. The Indian Department was not represented on the hospital Board, which he understood to consist only of the Bishop of New Westminster and the Bishop of Columbia.

Mr Commissioner Shaw: If the Indian Department pays towards the maintenance and support of the hospital for the Indians I think that Department should be represented on the hospital board.

Agent Halliday, continuing, said that the \$1.00 per day paid by the Department for the hospital care of poor Indian patients amounted to about \$400 per year. In addition to this the Doctor got \$400, through the grant to the Columbia Coast Mission, and \$200 a year for attendance on the schools. All payments were made through the Columbia Coast Mission. Parents were not required to pay for attendance on the pupils at the schools. Judging by his own experience of the country collections from the Indians were about the same as from the whites. The Indian Office was never used as a collection medium.

Mr Commissioner Shaw: It seems to me that they chase the Indians more for their doctors' bills than they would white men.

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