

# Queen Alexandra Sanatorium, Byron, Ont.



THE Queen Alexandra Sanatorium, at Byron, Ont., was founded by the London Health Association about eight years ago through the efforts of Sir Adam Beck, then Mayor of the city of London, and is the most modern and best equipped institution of its kind in Canada, and equal to any elsewhere on this continent. At the beginning of the war it comprised a group of buildings including an Administration Building, infirmaries for both sexes, patients' cottages, physicians' residence, and the required farm buildings, laundry and help quarters; administering in all to the needs of about 100 patients for Western Ontario.

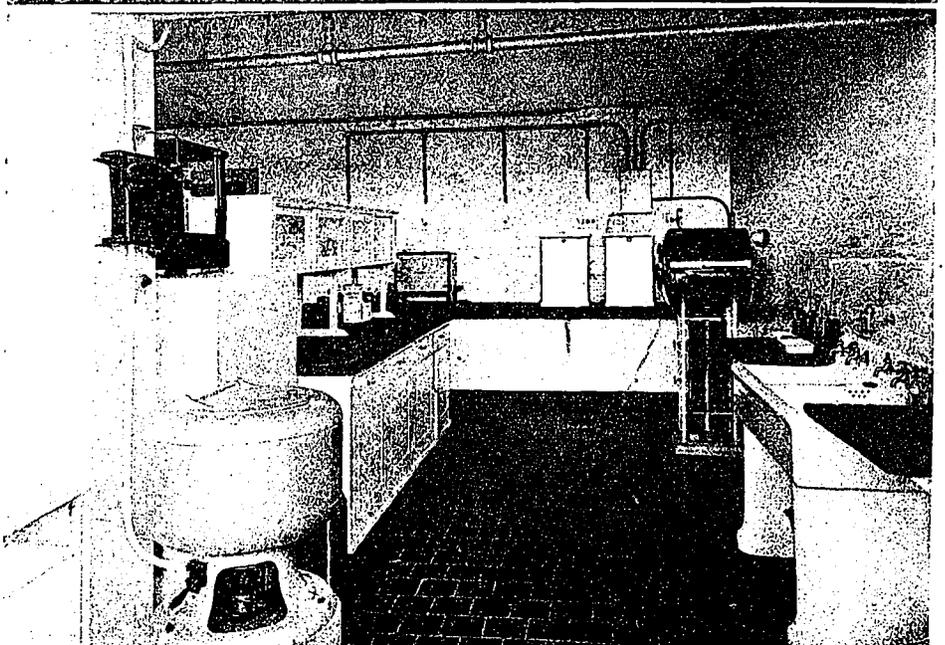
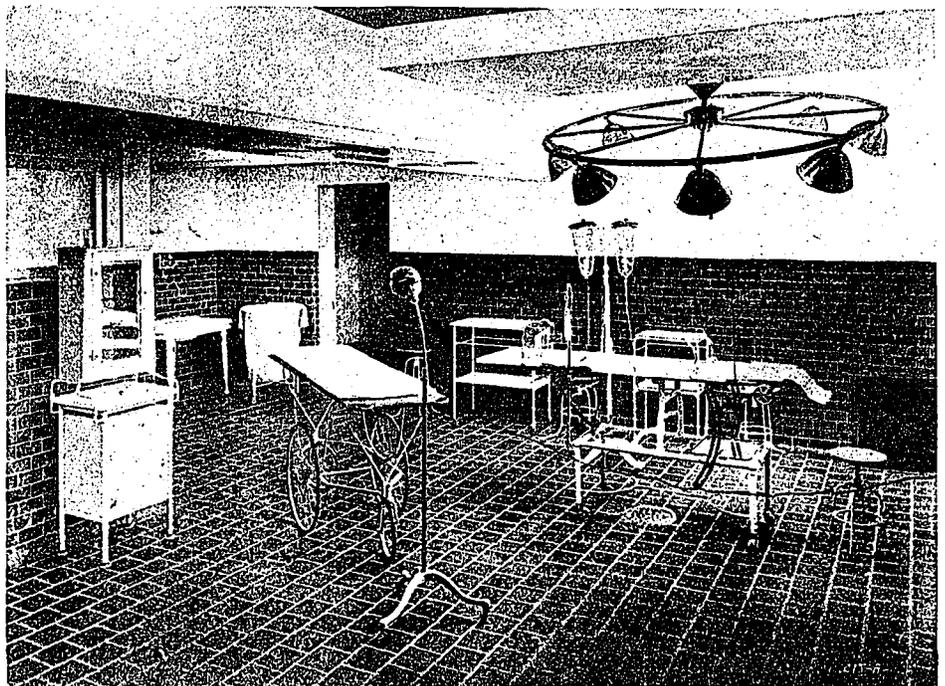
While originally established as a civil institution for the treatment of tubercular cases, it has, owing to the return of a large number of soldiers suffering from the effects of being gassed and lung trouble brought on through hardships otherwise encountered, now assumed the character of both a civil and military hospital.

In order to provide the extra accommodations thus required, the Military Hospitals Commission, shortly after the commencement of hostilities, built three pavilions for the immediate care of cases coming under its jurisdiction, and in the meantime funds were raised through a patriotic campaign for the erection of the Soldiers' Infirmary, which in itself accommodates 100 patients. To these have since been added, by the co-operation of the London Health Association, a 48-bed pavilion, built by the Department of Civil Re-Establishment; four open pavilions, a nurses' home, and a Vocational and Recreation building.

The Soldiers' Infirmary, or Reception Hospital, which is the most important building in the group, constitutes a com-

plete unit in itself for the treatment of those suffering with the disease in the more advanced stage. In this building are complete accommodations and equipment for the scientific treatment of the patient, such as a complete X-ray equipment, pathological laboratory, operating rooms, dental room, throat room, etc., as well as offices for the administration of military patients.

The units are divided into four-bed, two-bed and single wards, each with a bed balcony where the patient may get the benefit of air and sunshine. The window openings throughout, in fact, are all arranged to admit the maximum amount of sunlight and air, and provided with



UPPER VIEW: OPERATING ROOM. LOWER VIEW: PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY. SOLDIERS' INFIRMARY, BYRON, ONT.