

KNOW THE FACTS!

ABOUT THE VICTORIA HOSPITAL SITUATION.

Ratepayers cannot vote intelligently upon this important subject unless they are in possession of complete information. Therefore, a booklet was delivered to every home in the city last month, telling the full story of the need and the constant efforts that have been made to have the building started. Citizens were urged to retain the booklet for reference. If yours has been mislaid, a copy can be secured, while they last, at the office of the City Clerk.

CONDENSED INFORMATION

1. The distinct understanding with the 1930 City Council was that the building would be commenced provided a substantial Government grant could be secured, plus a large sum by private contributions.
2. The total of all subscriptions was to be at least \$300,000, of which the City Council would vote \$300,000, as unanimously consented at time.
3. The Government approved of the plan, making it unnecessary to take a vote of the citizens.
4. The matter was reviewed no less than three times by the 1931 City Council, who also urged the citizens to subscribe individually.
5. \$14,000 was spent on a campaign to raise funds by public and private subscriptions and nearly \$400,000 has been subscribed.
6. The Government is willing to grant \$200,000 towards the cost of a new hospital, realizing the great need, and to relieve unemployment. Also the trustees of the Meek Estate have agreed to put \$100,000 into a new laboratory, which is to form part of the new hospital.
7. Everything promised to the City Council has been done and the money assured, yet the matter has now been referred to the citizens.
8. The basis, both of collections and expenditures, is planned to extend over five years.
9. Only \$150,000 is needed at this time to do a big important work—the building of the public wards of the new hospital—very urgently

needed. The cost of this will be spread over two years, requiring, at the most, only \$100,000 in 1933.

10. The balance of the \$300,000, which is the city's share may be spread over five years or more.

11. If the ratepayers carry the by-law, giving the Council unmistakable orders to "go ahead with the hospital," the building of the public wards is all that would be undertaken in 1933 and 1934. This would entail the addition to taxes of less than 15c per thousand of assessment, which would amount to 30 cents a year on the average workingman's home. (Actual savings on operation for the past three years have been nearly 40c per thousand of assessment, as shown on your tax bills for these years.) Victoria Hospital costs have been greatly reduced under the present regime — \$40,000 per year during the past three years—which is three times as much as will be added by building now.

Further effective economies can be made with modern buildings and facilities, to say nothing of the benefits to patients of having greater safety and comfort.

12. The citizens are paying heavily for unemployment relief right now, so why not pay for actual work instead? Passing the by-law will mean that some \$350,000 will be spent on needed hospital buildings in 1933 (the city's share being only \$100,000.)

This would give employment to many London men now idle and in distress—laborers, plasterers, masons, bricklayers, carpenters, painters, steamfitters, roofers, electricians and others, besides providing work for factories making the equipment needed.

Costs of material and labor are abnormally low, making possible considerable saving if contracts are awarded before prices rise.

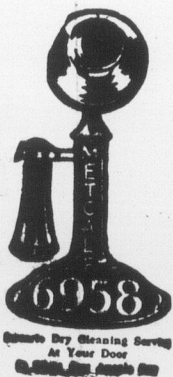
THE NEW HOSPITAL WAS NEEDED 10 YEARS AGO.

Failure to pass the by-law will endanger the possibility of securing private support in the future.

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