

an indomitable spirit, a ready acceptance of hardship, a willingness to sacrifice, a spirit of adventure. The tradition of Canada's pioneers lives on in these public-spirited government servants.

SIoux LOOKOUT INDIAN HOSPITAL

Sioux Lookout Indian Hospital is the first built for some years specifically for Indians. The importance attached by the Federal Government to this hospital can be judged from the fact that more than \$600,000 has been invested in it, apart from the cost of furnishings and scientific equipment to ensure that it will provide the finest of medical care.

Some idea of the immense district to be covered by this hospital is gathered from the fact that it will draw its patients from some 5,000 Indians, living in bands of from 300 to 1,000, and scattered through 100,000 square miles of territory -- an area bigger than Great Britain -- extending east to Nakina, west to the Manitoba border and north to Hudson Bay.

The effectiveness of the work to be done in this hospital will owe much to Dr. Gordon L. Bell, its acting superintendent, who has already made a real contribution to Indian health work. Dr. Bell is ably assisted by Dr. H.W. Allan and by the Matron of the hospital, Miss Hazel Gibney, R.N. To them and to all who will work with them I give my best wishes for distinguished service. Their enduring reward will be the satisfaction of a job well done and the enduring gratitude of their patients.

I know that this community is whole-heartedly behind its new hospital. I know how much we owe the Sioux Lookout General Hospital for the generous care that it has always given to Indian patients. Our Department was encouraged to build this new hospital by the recommendation that the Sioux Lookout Chamber of Commerce made four years ago, which was so warmly supported by Mr. William Benidickson, the Member of Parliament for this district.

OUTSTANDING WORKERS FOR INDIAN HEALTH

I need hardly tell you how much the success of Health Services depends on the ready co-operation of the officials of the Directorate of Indian Affairs, who serve as administrators, counsellors and agents for our native population. You all know the work of Mr. Gifford Swartman, Superintendent of Sioux Lookout Indian Agency, who has been untiring in his efforts to assist our health officers. We owe much to Mr. Norman Patterson, Superintendent of Kenora Indian Agency, and to Mr. Fred Matters, the Regional Supervisor for Indian Affairs.

In our efforts to bring better health care to Canada's native population, we have the friendly aid of provincial health departments, missionaries and church bodies, and many local groups and voluntary health agencies. I should like to express our special thanks for the unfailing assistance of Dr. Clare Brink, Director of Tuberculosis Prevention for Ontario; Dr. Donald Marlatt, Superintendent of the Fort William Sanatorium; and Dr. G.J. Wherrett, National Secretariat of the Canadian Tuberculosis Association.