

"We have such sad cases of sickness at present. Fresh beef for beef tea is so hard to get. We have to salt all our meat, as we can only get it once a fortnight."

OPENING OF THE SALTCOATS COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

The Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Territories, the Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, visited Saltcoats officially on September 23, 1895, for the purpose of opening the Hospital, which has been erected through the exertions of the Rev. T. A. Teitelbaum. Very early in the morning the village people were about, giving finishing touches to the decorations, and soon people from the country began to pour in. An escort of mounted police awaited the arrival of the train which brought the Lieutenant-Governor of Saltcoats, and after the band had played the National Anthem, an address of welcome was read and responded to. Many leading residents met His Honour at luncheon at the Vicarage, after which at two o'clock all adjourned to the New Cottage Hospital, a very neat structure, comfortably furnished. On arriving at the front entrance, Mr. Teitelbaum read the following address:—

"To His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Territories:

"Your petitioners pray: That it may please your Honour to declare this Institution, erected by the residents of this town and country, aided by the generosity and liberal assistance of friends in England and Canada, open as a Hospital for the care of the sick. It is a pleasure for us to ask this favour of your Honour, knowing the deep interest you take in all affairs affecting the welfare of this country. This is the prayer of your humble petitioners."

The Lieutenant-Governor, on coming forward, was warmly applauded. He congratulated Mr. Teitelbaum on what had been accomplished, and spoke of the blessing such an institution would prove to the community at large.

His Honour concluded: "I have the honour of declaring the Saltcoats Cottage Hospital open for the care of the sick, and humbly invoke the blessing of God upon the labours of those employed therein." The Rev. J. S. Chivers, of Yorkton, acting as chaplain, then said prayers, after which the Rev. T. A. Teitelbaum made a speech on the origin of the work and the generosity of those asked to contribute. He had found willing hands indeed in Saltcoats, as well as in the surrounding country. He mentioned the names of many who had greatly assisted the work by such voluntary labour as had been the means of erecting the buildings and reducing the expense. He pointed out how necessary such an institution was—the expense of medical aid, the long felt want of a place for young men who had no relatives in the country to care for them during days of sickness, the distance from Winnipeg,