

average cost per day of each patient was \$1.23, a rate which compares favorably with the maintenance rates of the hospitals of the United States.

Adequate fire protection is now provided at nearly every hospital, there being not only proper facilities for escape in case of fire; but also fire-extinguishing appliances, always ready for use, in the event of a fire occurring.

Hospitals having been established in the different counties, people living in every part of Ontario will be afforded advantages in the treatment of disease which not long ago were only to be found in the larger cities. So true is this, that, to-day, the medical and surgical equipment of many hospitals, in the smaller towns, is superior to what is found in some of the older hospitals in the large cities.

Some of the Toronto hospitals, (names not given) are criticized on account of lack of accommodation. which has resulted in a disposition to crowd poor patients, admitted on municipal orders, into poorly ventilated wards, while private and semi-private patients get rooms in the best parts of the building.

Looking at a public hospital, in its true light, as a refuge for the sick poor, Dr. Smith insists, that Toronto hospitals should be compelled to give as comfortable wards for the use of the poor patients as are found in the hospitals of the small towns of Ontario. He states that hospitals neglecting to provide such accommodation are unworthy to share in the Provincial and municipal grants to public hospitals.

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