

New Hydro-Medical Institute

Inspected By Calgary Convention

Wonders of Electrical Application in Medicine Developed During Great War Are Reflected in Introduction to Civilian Practice

Of the discoveries and advancement made in the practice of scientific medicine during the Great War, when men were brought back from the edge of the grave, when broken bodies were restored by science to a state almost approaching normal, none surpass in their achievement for humanity those by which man has taken that mysterious element, electricity, and applied it as an agent to mend and heal. Electricity was present in the greatest machines of destruction which were used in the war; and, far behind the lines, under the protection of the Red Cross, electricity played its part as the greatest healer and mender of broken and shattered bodies.

What Calgary Has

The application of electricity in the medical profession was one of the things which was emphasised by the leading men of the continent who attended the recent medical convention held in Calgary; and Father Moulinier, president of the Roman Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada, in speaking before the Board of Trade, particularly expressed his delight that there were in Calgary the facilities for advanced electric treatment, which is one of his hobbies.

Mystery to the Layman

To the layman's mind the results obtained by this branch of scientific medicine are no less wonder-

ful and mysterious than the instruments and apparatus by which they are effected. As Father Moulinier pointed out, the combination of electricity and water in the alleviation of human pain is a study both wonderful and mysterious. Under the light which has been shed on this subject by the modern discoveries of scientific medical men, everything is proved clearly and beyond all doubt; but to the lay mind the effect of electricity on the human body remains quite as mysterious as a great many other things about the profession. How deep internal massages are made with the help of this unseen power, how a harmonious agreement of mind and body is brought about by a series of apparently simple apparatus, all appeal to the layman as being almost within the boundaries of the supernatural.

Advance of Science

"Physiotherapy," says an authority, "is the profession's antidote and answer to the numerous isms, pathies and drugless healing cults that have sprung up like mushrooms. It combines the good points (and some of them do have a good point or two concealed about them) of all of them and places their use in hands skilled in therapy and—what is probably more important—hands that will not misuse them from ignorance of even the fundamentals of diagnosis. It is being adopted by the more progressive first-class medical col-