

From 1915 to 1919 the cost per diem for patients in sanatoria increased from \$1.74 to \$2.98. Previous to 1918 the Government grant was \$3 per week. It was then raised to \$3.50, or 50 cents a day. By the bill introduced recently it will be increased again to 75 cents a day, entailing an extra expenditure of \$80,988.

The Government has also decided to increase from 7 to 10 cents per diem per patient the grant to houses of refuge, and from two to five cents per day that to orphanages. The former will cost \$31,001.40 more and the latter an additional \$23,754.78.

The Government has also decided to pay all hospitals the same grant for child patients as for adults. Hitherto the Hospital for Sick Children has been the only one in receipt of the full grant. An extra \$34,372 will be needed for this.

The hospitals, etc., will receive further help by a change in the Act permitting them to charge municipalities \$1.50 per day instead of \$1.25 for indigent patients.

At the present time the province is paying \$540,228 in grants to the institutions named. Its outlay under the new scale will be approximately \$890,000.

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#### DR. CORBETT'S EXPERIENCE

H. F. Blake, the well-known Ungava explorer, arrived in Quebec on May 9th, bringing with him Dr. Corbett, of Ottawa, medical man of the expedition, who had been seriously wounded by gunshot about three weeks previously. The doctor had been in the act of taking a shotgun from the bottom of the canoe, when it exploded, its contents lodging in his abdomen. The patient, after the wound had been dressed by Mr. Blake, had to be brought 160 miles to civilization through dense forests. He was carried on a toboggan over the ice on the lakes and then by canoe down rivers, when one of the canoes upset and its occupants were only rescued with difficulty. Provisions and outfit were lost, and the party travelled for two days without food. Finally, 11 miles from the nearest house, two of the party pressed on and reached the little settlement of Riviere-au-Doré, with only enough strength to send help.

The accident occurred at a spot 350 miles north of Quebec.

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#### TO CONDUCT CAMPAIGN AGAINST VENEREAL DISEASE

An informal meeting, which resolved into a round table conference, of the Toronto Branch of the National Council for Combating Venereal Disease was held recently in the City Hall, Dr. Hastings presiding, to confirm and legalize the activities of the temporary executive. It was moved and carried that the meeting be considered the organizing meeting of the Toronto branch of the organization, and that the tem-