

Ottawa, April 3rd, 1941.

The Honourable J. L. Ralston
The Honourable Ian Mackenzie

The Director General of Medical Services and the Deputy Minister of Pensions and National Health, pursuant to your joint instructions, met Tuesday afternoon, February 25th, 1941, to discuss the necessity for the erection of additional hospital beds called for in four submissions to Council:-

- (1) Purchase of site in Calgary,
- (2) The erection of a hospital on same,
- (3) Alterations and additions to Lancaster Hospital, Saint John, N.B.
- (4) The erection of additional beds at Camp Hill Hospital, Halifax.

Your officers recorded the opinion under date of February 26th, 1941, that purchase of the site at Calgary should be made and building erected thereon, and that the alterations and additions at Lancaster Hospital should be carried out.

In regard to the additional beds at Camp Hill Hospital, it was requested by the Director General of Medical Services that as at the time a survey was being made by the Chief Medical Officers of the Army, Navy, Air Force and the Department of Pensions and National Health, all stationed in Halifax, covering Federal Government available hospital beds in that centre, it would be better before reporting on the Halifax Submission, to await the receipt of the report of these four officers.

This report has now been received by the Director General of Medical Services and the Deputy Minister of Pensions and National Health, and the report recommends that in the opinion of the four officers concerned, the addition of 300 beds to Camp Hill Hospital is necessary, as covered by Submission now awaiting approval, and should be proceeded with for the accommodation of expected casualties returning from overseas in addition to the already existing accommodation available.

The Director General of Medical Services of the Army and the Deputy Minister of Pensions and National Health agree in recommending that the money be provided immediately to proceed with this construction.

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