

# PROBLEM THE TRUSTEES FACE

WHAT IS TO BE DONE WITH THE MANY SEEKING ADMISSION TO THE  
MUSKOKA FREE HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTIVES?  
BOTH INSTITUTIONS AT MUSKOKA CROWDED.

**N**EVER in the history of the National Sanitarium Association has the call for accommodation in their two institutions at Muskoka reached such figures before. At the Muskoka Cottage Sanatorium, the pay institution, established in 1896, the largest attendance of patients on record was passed in March and April. Under the direction of W. B. Kendall, Phm.B., M.D.C.M., L.R.C.S., Physician-in-Chief, and Miss Addah Strouse, late of the Adirondacks Sanatorium, Sarnac, N.Y., Lady Superintendent, a big houseful of happy and contented patients is to be found, embracing a constituency representing every Province in the Dominion, and many different sections of the United States.

But what of the Free Hospital? The place this institution fills in the Dominion, its absolute necessity, if the lives of our people are to be saved from this dread disease, consumption, is illustrated in the two following letters—two out of the many received daily at the Head Office of the Hospital, Saturday Night Building, Toronto.

REV. E. J. BIDWELL, M.A., Lennoxville, Que. :—"I am anxious to get a poor fellow suffering from tuberculosis into the home in Muskoka. He has, I understand from his doctor, some chance, if he can get the cure and attention, which, being a poor man, he cannot get at his home. He is a gardener of excellent character and has always been a hard worker. I would be glad if you would tell me what steps are necessary in this matter."

PERCIVAL J. DODD, Parry Sound:—"Could you tell me if there is any possibility of my being admitted to the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives. I am only a poor man and unable to pay for treatment at the other Sanatoria. I am 32 years of age and living in a boarding house. I shall be very grateful if you can admit me."

Be it known that no patient in residence pays the cost of maintenance; more than one-half pay nothing whatever, and those who do pay, do not average 50 cents a day. The cost of maintenance is over \$9.00 a week—including medical attendance, nursing, board, food, laundry, etc.

You see almost without any figuring how large must be the deficit every month with an average of 70 patients in residence.

Not a single applicant has ever been refused admission to the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives because of his or her inability to pay.

At the State Charity Hospitals in Massachusetts, New York, and other states, and in the Provincial Sanatorium in Nova Scotia, described in these columns last month, all patients must pay \$5.00 a week and the State or Province makes up the difference, which is more than another \$5.00 a week.