

Those about to be committed to the Hospital should *invariably* be informed of it *before leaving home*. Everything like deception must be scrupulously avoided. No promises as to the precise time of their return should ever be made.

In order to be benefitted by hospital treatment, patients should be placed under care at an early stage of their disease.

The following clauses of Chapter 38 of Revised Statutes, Fifth Series, are appended for the information of those desiring the admission of a patient:—

CLAUSE 21. In every case where admission is sought for a patient, a statement in writing in the form of Schedule A shall be filled up and sworn to before some justice of the peace by a party cognizant of the facts therein contained, and forwarded to the medical Superintendent for examination; *and his answer and approval shall be received before the patient is forwarded*. No person shall be received into the Hospital for the Insane as a patient without a certificate as in Schedule B, from two qualified medical practitioners in actual practice in the Province, of whom the one shall not be the son, brother, partner or assistant of the other, the examination therefor having been made not more than 30 days before admission.

CLAUSE 22. In case of private paying patients, a bond shall be given to the Commissioner of Public Works and Mines, with sufficient surieties for payment of expenses, and a payment of one quarter's board shall be made in advance. Such bond may be sued on as often as shall be necessary, and recovery had in the supreme or county courts, according to the amount sued for and according to the ordinary practice of the court in like cases.

CLAUSE 26. In case such person shall have been certified to be insane by only one medical practitioner, before his apprehension, he shall be again examined and certified, as in Schedule B, by two duly qualified practitioners, to be appointed by the Commissioner of Public Works and Mines, before he shall be admitted into the Hospital.

CLAUSE 30. The Commissioner of Public Works and Mines, in the case of patients now in the Hospital for the Insane, or on whose behalf admissions are sought, and where in his judgment there are circumstances justifying a departure from the ordinary rates, may make special agreements for the amount and payment of board; and where a patient from violence or otherwise requires a special or extra attendant, such extra attendance shall be charged and paid for in the same manner as the ordinary charges.

N. B.—The Superintendent has no power to admit a patient without the order from the Commissioner of Public Works and Mines.

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