

4.—THERE IS UNNECESSARY DETENTION IN HOSPITALS. THERE HAS BEEN NO MEDICAL INSPECTION BY THE CANADIAN MEDICAL SERVICE OF CANADIAN SOLDIERS IN IMPERIAL HOSPITALS, AND THERE HAS BEEN NO EFFICIENT MEDICAL INSPECTION OF CANADIAN HOSPITALS, IN CONSEQUENCE OF WHICH CANADIAN SOLDIERS ARE RETAINED IN HOSPITALS IN GREAT BRITAIN, MANY OF WHOM SHOULD HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO DUTY, AND OTHERS SHOULD HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO CANADA, WHERE THEY COULD HAVE BEEN MORE ECONOMICALLY AND EFFICIENTLY TREATED. THE LACK OF SYSTEM PERMITS THE AIMLESS MOVING OF PATIENTS FROM HOSPITAL TO HOSPITAL.

**AIMS OF MEDICAL SERVICE NOT SECURED BY PRESENT SYSTEM OF HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT.**

The treatment of the sick and wounded soldiers in Canadian active treatment, convalescent, and auxiliary hospitals does not ensure the earliest possible return of convalescents to the fighting Unit or to Base Duty with as prompt discharge as may be from the service, of the medically unfit.

Yet these general aims of the medical service should dominate all hospital treatment and be engraved in every Medical Officer's mind.

There is an entire lack of a clearly defined policy regarding the uses and limitations of hospitals generally, from the military standpoint.

**NO EFFICIENT MEDICAL INSPECTION OF HOSPITALS.**

There has been a general lack of efficient medical inspection of hospitals.

Until July 1st, 1916, when Lieut.-Colonel Finley was appointed Consulting Physician, no experienced medical man trained in the treatment of the sick was employed to exercise a general supervision