

many, and thus objection to sending patients, especially children, to an hospital. It is, therefore, satisfactory to know from patients in different parts of the province that the prejudice is not only being removed, but that the work of the Hospital in connection with patients while under treatment has been in the highest degree satisfactory.

The Trustees have received valuable assistance in carrying on the work from the committee of ladies in their oversight in connection with the care of the children.

The liabilities at September 30th, 1891, were—

Mortgage to British Empire Life Assurance Co.....	\$75,000 00
The Imperial Bank account.....	2,994 40

Representing a total of..... 77,994 40

In 1891—

Cost of the Hospital, College st., and land	\$116,595 49
Lakeside Home	25,725 49
Furniture, both buildings	5,735 62

\$148,056 60

Debt

Amount of property paid for..... 70,062 20

The indebtedness has increased because of permanent additions and improvements to the building and a large addition to furniture, surgical instruments, etc., so that it stands at date (Sept. 30th, 1896) as under.

British Empire Life Assurance Co....	\$75,000 00
Imperial Bank overdraft.....	14,819 33
Due Trustees.....	2,161 70

Or a total of..... \$91,981 03

for all of which the Trustees are personally liable.

The increase in the number of patients since the new building on College street has been occupied has taxed to the utmost the energy of the Board of Trustees to find the money requisite for properly carrying on the business of the Hospital, and it has, therefore, been impossible for them during the past year to reduce the liabilities.

In reviewing the indebtedness it is well to remember the proportion this now bears to the present cost of the land and buildings.

The Hospital, College st., and land....	\$146,166 25
The Lakeside Home Building	30,489 99
Furniture in both buildings.....	22,929 78

\$199,586 02

The net debt

Amount of property paid for..... \$107,604 99

Thus, in 1891, the amount of property paid for was \$70,062.20, while at the present time it is \$107,603.99, being an increase of \$37,541.79.

While these figures are a cheering evidence of past efforts, the trustees appeal to a generous public to help them in largely decreasing and, ultimately wiping out this debt, so that all contributions may be applied to the maintenance of an always increasing number of patients, and that they may be enabled to extend to suffering and indigent childhood that aid and comfort which is the object and endeavour of this institution.

The financial statement shows in two tables the income and expenditure and the assets and liabilities.

The first statement (a) gives the income from all sources \$30,606.69, and the working expenses for the year, including the expenditure in the building, and the deficit from 1895, a total of \$46,283.56.

The second statement (b) contains the assets of the Trust, \$200,890.18, and the liabilities of \$95,681.03, showing a balance in favour of the Trust of \$105,209.15.

The amount \$105,209.15 is represented by the

Balance of general donations over working expenses.....	\$15,432 62
Spec'd donations, land and build'g fund	60,568 40
The Lakeside Home	29,208 13

A total of..... \$105,209 15

Our need is for early aid to meet the \$30,000, which goes every year to keep the doors of the Hospital open to every ailing child in the province, help to serve the ever-growing needs and to extend the Hospital's power to minister to the healing of the children.

Last year 597 children were cared for, and of these 340 were cured and 204 improved; 4,321 were aided by medicine distributed free at the out-door department.

The Trustees have not only a general, but personal, responsibility for every dollar of the indebtedness in connection with the work. It is, therefore, hoped that you, the reader of this report, will give.

Every dollar helps the Hospital to soothe the suffering and often rescue the dying, and your dollar may send the aid of the Hospital's mercy to the children of the poor.

Your dollar can help to strengthen the crippled body of suffering childhood, and your dollar can aid in giving first rest and then health to the weary little folk who fret in wretched beds in the homes of poverty.

For the Trust.

J. ROSS ROBERTSON,

Chairman.