

RECONSTRUCTION

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Present Hospitals Enlarged and New Ones are to be Built

Exclusive of discharge and clearing depots, the Military Hospitals Commission has 12,291 hospital beds available for returned soldiers. The discharge depot accommodation is approximately 2,300 making the total number of beds 14,591.

Of this 14,591 there are 10,205 beds in buildings taken over and remodelled as hospitals by the M.H.C. The number of beds in structures erected from the ground up by the Commission is 2,795, while the accommodation at the disposal of the Commission in institutions under other management, general hospitals, etc., is 1,591. The Commission's present building program includes 3,925 beds in new buildings now under construction, some of which will be ready for occupation almost immediately. Owing to the unit plan of construction adopted by the M.H.C. 1,850 beds can be added to existing buildings at a minimum of short notice, thus making the total accommodation in present contemplation 20,366.

At the present time accommodation is abreast of requirements and the expansion is planned sufficiently far ahead to keep pace with any possible influx of new cases.

ESQUIMALT ENLARGED
Esquimalt Military Convalescent Hos-

pital, where accommodation for only 110 patients exists at the present time, is to be expanded into a 300 bed centre. A standard ward wing containing 150 beds is to be built, and additional space is to be obtained in some of the existing build-

ings by erecting a separate dining and kitchen pavilion. A central heating plant is to be added to this hospital and a separate building for hydro and electro-therapy and massage is to be included. A recreation hall commensurate with the size of the institution is another part of the modern and complete convalescent hospital which will shortly stand on this attractive site.

Stop-Press Notice

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WILL HAVE 1000 BEDS

The Manitoba Military Convalescent Hospital, Tuxedo Park, Winnipeg, is to be enlarged to a thousand bed institution. Additional ward accommodation to the extent of 300 beds is being given by the erection of two new standard wings west of the existing standard wings and north of what was formerly known as Roblin Hall. Heated corridors connect the new wings with the dining pavilion and with Roblin Hall, which has been extensively altered by the installation of equipment for the administration of electrical treatment, remedial baths, etc.

With the additional accommodation expansion in other directions at Mani-