

The infirmary (the need of which has been pointed out for some years past) is now an accomplished fact. It is a detached stone structure with a capacity of 12 beds and all the attendant accommodation necessary for such a structure. The building has been erected at a cost of \$9,509.14. The main entrance of the Hospital has been very much improved by the erection of a flight of granite steps and a handsome porte cochere, while a new and commodious stable has been built to replace that destroyed by fire on Christmas, 1896. With the completion of the new tank we have now a water supply of 122,000 gallons.

An eco-magneto night-watch clock has been placed in the Medical Superintendent's office. Stations connect it with all the premises outside, and by this, with the appointment of a special outside night watchman, the anxiety of the doctor has been greatly lessened. Besides what has already been specified, a story has been added to the carpenter's shop to provide new quarters for our outside male employees; an additional root-house has been built, and a number of other improvements made, all fully detailed in the Medical Superintendent's report. A new 75-horse power Corliss engine, with an additional 100-horse power tubular boiler, and a new 800-light multipolar dynamo are being introduced. All this is necessitated by the constantly increasing size of the institution. The plastering and decorating of the bare, brick walls in the wards and stairways of the old building has been vigorously pushed, and but little more remains to be done before the whole building will be finished. Our good friend Mr. McArthur continues to donate all the wall-paper, friezes, etc., required.

The work on the grounds in front and on those around the annex is very marked in their greatly improved appearance, clumps of trees and shrubs having been judiciously placed and the lawns put in very good order. To Mr. Frank Roy, Superintendent of the Mount Royal Cemetery, your Board are indebted for his generous supervision of this work.

Reference to the Medical Superintendent's report will show how modest he is in his requirements. He says our most pressing requirements may be thus enumerated:—"A nurses' home, where, when off duty, they may be free from the worry and noise incident to ward life; a detached residence for the Medical Superintendent and his family, a system now almost universally adopted in similar institutions; cottages for married employees, so as to make their services available when off duty in case of emergency; outside workshops for the introduction of a greater variety in the occupations of our patients; a summer house for female patients and a greenhouse for the cultivation of flowers for the wards and grounds.

Farm products, as per detailed statement, show a value of \$6,411.28.