

Length of Term.

At present, because of the limited accommodation and the great pressure for admission this full term is only four months, which may in rare cases be extended to six months for such patients as are making unusually good progress, and for whom the extension may favor speedy return to work.

No Distinction Made.

Admissions are made in order of application, except that class I. and II. patients have preference over class III. No distinctions of any kind are made in order of admission, in extension of term, in readmission, or in treatment at the hospital between part-paying and free patients, or between patients who pay less and those who pay more. Medical considerations only decide questions of locations in wards, extra diet, etc.

Expenses.

The Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives depends for maintenance almost entirely upon public subscriptions. Accordingly any patient who can pay or whose relatives can pay any part of the maintenance expense (about \$8.50 per week per patient) should not allow the full burden to fall upon the charitable public. The proportion of patients who contribute something (sums ranging from \$1.00 to \$6.00 per week) for their maintenance is about 45%. The daily average amount received from individuals or municipalities (not including absolutely free patients) for past year was only fifty-one cents.

It must be remembered that this weekly cost covers not only food and lodging and service, but medical and nursing attention, medicines, laundry, and the general cost of administration of a large institution. Patients and their luggage are brought to and from the station free of charge. Patients' laundry is done free of charge up to a limit of about fifty cents a week for certain garments specified on a printed list.

Any laundry over and above this allowance is at the patients' expense. If patients desire to go to Gravenhurst (the town is 1 1/2 miles from the hospital) by the 'bus, or if they have parcels coming by freight or express, twenty cents is charged for return fare in the one case, and ten cents for cartage on each parcel in the other. The only required expenditure is twenty-five cents for a metal sputum-cup for use while in the hospital and for the patient to take home. The hospital supplies the specially-prepared pasteboard refills which are used in these cups and then burned. Patients will probably find it desirable also to provide themselves with pocket flasks for sputum (from sixty cents up) and with thermometers (fifty cents), both of which they get at cost through the hospital. The single fare from Toronto to Gravenhurst is \$3.40, return ticket good for one month, \$5.70. All patients travelling *via* Toronto should get receipts for their tickets signed by the Toronto ticket agent, as the hospital can collect refunds for patients between Gravenhurst and Toronto.

Life at the Hospital Cheerful.

The cheerfulness of the hospital life is invariably a surprise to visitors and patients. Even the most despondent and reluctant patient is seldom able to stay low-spirited for more than a week or two, for there is an atmosphere of hopefulness, good fellowship and kindness that one can scarcely fail to feel and respond to.

Wait for Notification.

Patients should never come to the hospital until they have been definitely notified to do so, as there is scant accommodation in the town of Gravenhurst for tuberculous patients, and it happens too often that patients have to make a weary and expensive journey home again if they come without notice. The hospital has no extra accommodation for such patients.

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