

It is not considered practical to plan for all of this accommodation at the present time. A program of erection of new hospitals or enlargement of existing hospitals is being developed. The projects included in this year's estimates are as follows:—

*Moose Factory*—a 250-bed tuberculosis and general hospital.

*Fort William San.*—providing a grant for 50 additional beds.

*The Pas*—This is a U.S. Army hospital which should be expanded approximately 125 beds in order to use present plant economically.

*Fort Qu'Appelle*—Propose to add 50 beds and a nurses' home.

*Edmonton*—It will be necessary to complete the fitting up of the new hospital to provide a total of 400 beds, of which 100 are earmarked for veterans, and another 100 also earmarked for veterans for a limited period.

*Miller Bay*—This hospital is almost completed. It will provide 150 beds.

*Coqualeetza*—It is necessary to add 50 beds, provide a nurses' home and power house.

41. In addition to the foregoing it is desirable to erect or enlarge other hospitals and a number of nursing stations across Canada at points remote from other medical services where Indian bands forgather. These nursing stations are about the size of a small bungalow and contain the quarters for a nurse, Indian maid or housekeeper, and possibly one or two one-bed rooms for emergency cases. They are not hospitals in the ordinary sense of the word but will be centres to which the Indians may go for medical advice and help. It is proposed that they will be equipped with two-way radio for communication with the nearest departmental hospital. In some respects they may be considered outposts of the principal hospitals. The estimates for the current year include funds for the erection of five such nursing stations at:—

1. Fort George on James Bay
2. Bersemis on the north shore of the St. Lawrence
3. St. Regis near Cornwall
4. Eskasoni on Cape Breton Island
5. Gypsumville in the interlake area, Manitoba.

42. Because of the outstanding seriousness of the tuberculosis problem among the Indians it is proposed to intensify control work. Mention has already been made of the program of increased hospitalization. Coincident with and dependent on this it is proposed to augment greatly the facilities for searching out cases of tuberculosis by the use of travelling x-ray teams. Supplementing this but not replacing it there will be carried on a more extended trial of BCG vaccine. This will be a continuation and expansion of the very useful trials of this method of immunization which have been carried on in Saskatchewan and Quebec.

43. The present program for the immunization of children, and where indicated adults, using accepted procedures will be extended as vigorously as possible. Ordinary methods of immunization require two and sometimes three doses of vaccine to be given at intervals of two weeks to a month. However since many bands of Indians are nomadic and may not be seen more than once or twice a year, it will be necessary to devise new methods suited to their habits. A start has been made on this work at Norway House.