

It was pointed out that the per diem allowance from the Government is steadily decreasing. Last year it was $17\frac{1}{2}$ cents per day, whereas this year it will not exceed 16 cents. When the Association interviewed the Premier, it was argued that the Government should fix the rate at not less than 20 cents per day for those entitled to Government aid.

It was also urged that the Government restriction of less than \$3.00 per week should be removed and made \$3.50 and less. This would enable the hospitals to collect from the various municipalities 50 cents a day as against the 40 cents now received. In this way the income on charity cases would be raised to 70 cents a day. This would better the situation materially, but would still leave these patients below the paying level, as Dr. Chamberlain's report points out the fact that it costs 89 cents per day to care for patients in hospitals. On another page will be found a full report of the meeting. The privilege to charge \$3.50 per week on charity cases has since been granted.

We commend the objects of the Association to the attention of the Government, the municipalities that are interested in hospitals, and the hospitals themselves. There is not a hospital in the Province that can afford to remain aloof from the Association.

THE MUSKOKA COTTAGE SANATORIUM IN WINTER.

The attendance at the Sanatorium has largely increased, reaching now the greatest in the history of the institution, over 70 of the 75 beds being constantly occupied.

Muskoka has long been known as an ideal summer resort, but not till the opening of the Sanatorium and the publication of its splendid result has it been properly recognized as an excellent winter resort. There is every reason to think that during the next few years a great many people who now come to Muskoka for the summer, will change their visit to the winter season; or, dropping the summer vacation entirely, will take their holidays in the winter, when their business will allow them to do so.

The stimulating air of the north, with its bracing out-of-door sports, will surely soon be more attractive to the health-seekers than the more enervating climates of the south.

The present winter was in Muskoka, as elsewhere, unusually severe, and the snowfalls very excessive. This latter has meant rather a lessened amount of sunshine; but February had an excess of sunshine, and made a most enjoyable season in spite of the mercury ranging from 10° to 30°