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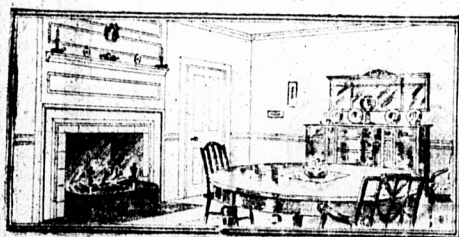
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## Report of Falconwood Medical Superintendent

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### FARM AND GARDEN

Though these perhaps do not come under the scope of this report it is but fitting that we should acknowledge the receipt of all the meat, milk and vegetables used by us during the year. The meat supply, has been good. The milk supply too, has been very satisfactory; but it would be well if the amount furnished the hospital could be somewhat increased, for the supply to the public wards is limited. The quantity of potatoes, cabbages and carrots is abundant, but the earlier vegetables and small fruits are mentioned only because of their scarcity. Large quantities of these should be grown and would not only reduce the cost of maintenance, but would improve the health of our patient body and furnish profitable employment for a large number of our patients both male and female. The supply of eggs, too, is very deficient. Eggs provide a food which cannot be substituted for many sick patients, especially those suffering from tuberculosis, and are absolutely essential to the feeding of patients who refuse to take their food. I cannot urge too strongly that steps be taken to provide an adequate supply.

### IMPROVEMENTS

During the summer a water tower was erected, the tank having a capacity of some 20000 gallons. Owing to the delayed delivery of supplies, it was impossible to have the tank completed with the house water system before winter set in, and this work had to be left over for the spring.

A cottage was built for the farm Superintendent on the hospital grounds, most of the building being done under the supervision of our Carpenter. While this interfered greatly with his many other duties, a report of which is appended, he was able to find time to make outside windows which were put on the north and east windows of the main building, and greatly increased the comfort of the patients.

The office and quarters of the Medical Superintendent were re-decorated and furnished.

In May the usual horse-messenger service between the hospital and Charlottetown was replaced by a half-ton Ford motor truck. This machine rendered excellent service, but a heavier truck would likely prove more satisfactory.

I am glad to be able to report that the old straw ticks on which our patients used to sleep, have been replaced as far as possible by comfortable mattresses. This has not only done away with the disagreeable odour caused by the straw, but has greatly increased the comfort of the patients. They are quieter at night, rest better, and are less destructive to their bedding.

### REQUIREMENTS

Owing to war conditions and war prices existing for the past four years the stock of supplies in bedding and clothing has had to be reduced to a minimum. Some things have been almost prohibitive in price, while others have been impossible to procure. So far these conditions largely remain but at the earliest possible moment an effort must be made to remedy the matter.

The general repairs about the various buildings have had to be neglected for the same reason. Many repairs are needed for the walls, ceilings, and floors, and almost the whole interior of the main building is in need of paint and whitening. There are also some extensive repairs required to the brick work of the front of the hospital, to the roof and to the gutters. These latter will require attention as early as possible in the coming spring. The greatest need of all is in connection with our sanitary

equipment. The whole system is obsolete, absolutely unsanitary, and has gone far beyond repair. It is a great gratification to me, as well as to all others connected with the institution, that our Trustees have decided to renew the whole system. Specifications are being prepared and will be submitted to the Board as soon as possible. It is to be hoped that the work will be commenced early in the spring.

The method of pumping water with gasoline and kerosene engines is very unsatisfactory. It takes the engineer the greater part of his time to keep these in running order, and he is forced to neglect many important duties. It is to be hoped that some remedy for this will be found in the near future.

Another matter requiring careful consideration is that of the salaries of nurses and attendants. This year the male attendants were granted an increase of \$2.00 per month, which helped the situation somewhat. The ultimate results obtained by any hospital depend largely upon its nurses and attendants. If we are to maintain a staff capable of doing the work expected of us, they must be paid an amount at least equal to what they would receive in other positions which are open to them. This is not the case at the present time, and I cannot urge too strongly that the matter be given prompt and careful attention.

### OBITUARY

This hospital as well as our whole province sustained a great loss in the death of Dr. F. B. Conroy which occurred in Charlottetown on March 14, 1918. The institution lost not only a trustee, but one of its staunchest friends.

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Protestant services were conducted with fair regularity on alternate Sundays during the year, by the Clergyman from Marshfield Circuit. There being no regular minister in this field though, gaps were left at times, which is a great loss to us. If we cannot be guaranteed more regular services in the coming year there should be some other arrangement made for the Sunday meetings are a great boon to our patients.

Roman Catholic services have been conducted regularly once a month. To these clergymen our greatest thanks is due, not only for our Sunday services, but also for their ready response to many calls to visit the sick.

### VISITORS

It would greatly benefit our work at Falconwood, if there were regularly appointed visitors from the Board of Trustees. This would enable the trustees to keep in closer touch with the work of the institutions, and would give us the encouragement of their constant interest.

### STAFF

Apart from the appointment of the Medical Superintendent there has been but one change in our hospital staff. The Engineer, Mr. Frank Beard, left to join the overseas forces, and was replaced on July 9 by Mr. Frank McDonald. Mr. McDonald is a capable and painstaking Engineer, and has done very satisfactory work since his appointment.

### CONCLUSION

To Dr. McMillan, our consulting physician, I am very deeply indebted. His regular visits have been a source of great help to us, as has been his ready response to special calls. His experience with the institution has enabled him to give us much valuable advice. This, and his wise counsel, has been freely given at all times. It was with great satisfaction that we learned of the appointment of Dr. McMillan to the Board of Trustees, and it is but a fitting reward for the work he has done, and the interest he has always taken in Falconwood.

To Lieut. Col. S. R. Jenkins, we also offer our sincere thanks for his kindly assistance.

We are indebted to the Editors of the various Provincial papers for regular copies of their publications, and for their kindness in printing our various notices from time to time.

To our Officers, Staff and Employees, I would convey my thanks and sincere appreciation for their loyal support, and careful and painstaking work.

My obligation to you gentlemen of the Board, is very great for your kind advice and assistance in starting my work here, and for your ready compliance with all suggestions which were for the improvement of your institution.

That one of the popular young actresses in London has lately taken to wearing long suede mittens with ultra-short sleeves, but it is considered quite correct to exhibit bare arms when the warm wrap is thrown aside.

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The commission is also informed

that the "black list" for Mexico, Haiti, San Domingo, Cuba, and all Central and South America countries, has been reduced by the restoration of 2,500 names to the normal trading list. The revised statutory list is at Ottawa, and any question of doubt concerning a transaction with any firm may be referred there.

### FIFTY-FIFTY

A man went to Louisiana on a visit to a certain colonel. It was bedtime when he arrived at the house, and as it happened there were no mosquito curtains to his bed, he suffered severely all night long. When the following

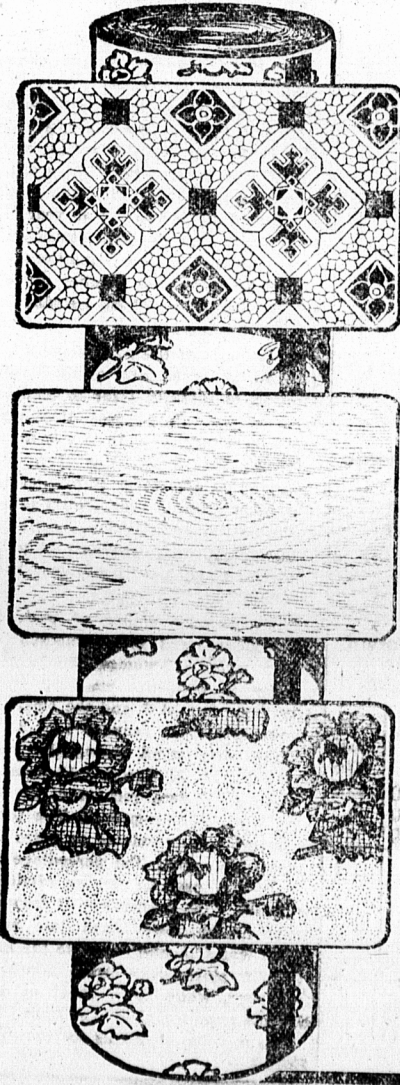
morning the negro servant came into the room with water and towels, the unhappy victim asked why there were no mosquito-curtains in the room.

"Doesn't the colonel have any in his room?" he finally inquired.

"No, sub," replied the negro. "Well, how on earth can he stand it?" said the visitor.

"Well, sub," came the reply. "I reckon it's just his way. In de fo' part of de night de colonel's mo' gen'ly so 'toxicated dat he don't pay no 'tention to de skeeters; an' in de las' part ob de night de skeeters is gen'ly so 'toxicated dat dey don't pay no 'tention to de colonel."

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