

P. E. Island Hospital School For Nurses

The Prince Edward Island Hospital School for Nurses was organized in 1890. On November 24, 1890, Miss Sheraton, a graduate of the City Hospital, of St. John New Brunswick, was engaged to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss MacDonald, Matron of the P.E.I. Hospital. Miss Sheraton was highly recommended by the medical staff of the St. John Hospital.

By her suggestion several improvements were introduced, adding to the efficiency of the institution. Among other things she opened a class for women's instruction and training in nursing. The hospital staff then numbered eighteen including domestics. This movement had the entire approval of the medical staff who had long felt the want of trained nurses in this community. In 1892 the trustees of Wesleyan Methodist School, Charlottetown, donated \$150.00 in aid of the training school for nurses.

The course of training at that time extended over two full years, and included instruction from text books and manuals of nursing, daily drill on the wards, operating-room and other departments by the Matron, and lectures and demonstrations by the medical and surgical staff.

The candidates were received on one month's probation. In 1893, Miss Sara J. Arthur and Miss Ella Tynan graduated from the Prince Edward Island Hospital School for Nurses, the first nurses to graduate in Prince Edward Island.

1899—Course of training extended to three years with probation period of two months.

1922—Probation time was extended to three months—Bessie Beer, Matron.

1941—Probation period extended to four months.

The course of lectures delivered by the Medical and Surgical Staff during 1891-1892 was as follows:

General and Regional Anatomy—Four lectures.

Circulation, Pulse, Respiration, Temperature, Secretions, Excretions, Examination of Urine, Digestion. The Preparation and Methods of Serving Various Foods, etc.—Four lectures.

The Sick Room—Ventilation, Temperature, Disinfectants and Deodorizers, Contagious Diseases, Inflammation—Suppuration, Septicaemia, Pyaemia and Gangrene, etc., Principles of Antiseptic Surgery.—Four lectures.

Toxicology, Common Remedies their doses and methods of administration—Two lectures. Administration of Anaesthetics, Care of patients during and after operations with possible emergencies, (shock, haemorrhage and collapse)—Two lectures.

Surgical dressings, Fractures, Dislocations and their treatment, Application of Splints, Bandages, etc.—Four lectures.

Diseases of the Eye, Ear and Throat—Two lectures.

Mental and Nervous Diseases—Two lectures.

Clinical Experience is provided in: Medical Nursing, Surgical Nursing, Diet Kitchen, Operating Room, Pediatrics, Obstetrics.

1893-1947—285 nurses have graduated from the Prince Edward Island Hospital School for Nurses.

Eighteen nurses graduated May 13, 1947, and of this number seven have completed their three years. The present student staff includes:

- 3 Graduate students completing their three years.
- 13 Senior Students.
- 9 Intermediate Students.
- 15 Junior Students.
- 8 Juniors.
- 14 Preliminary Students.

Following are the superintendents of the Training School:

- Miss Jessie Sheraton (1890)
- Miss Ella Tynan (1895)
- Miss Annie M. Ross (1901)
- Miss Winnifred Graham (1914)
- Miss M.P. Turner (1917)
- Miss Louise MacKinnon (1918)
- Miss Bessie Beer (1922)
- Miss Della Hutchinson (1924)
- Miss Anna J.R. Malr (1926)

Instructors:

Mrs. Florence Platts MacKenzie—Supervisor and part-time instructor.

Mrs. Norma Jamieson Yates—full time.

Mrs. Anna Bennett James Present Superintendent of Nurses—Mrs. Lois McDonald—1946.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jenkins—Instructor—1946.



Lounge Room-For Student Nurses



Dining Room--Main Building

East again, where she now lives with her aged mother. She has retired from active nursing but she has not retired in spirit. She is an enthusiastic member of the British Columbia Graduate Nurses Association and takes a keen interest in all nursing organizations. She is consulted and loved by all who know her, as a good woman, a faithful nurse, and a true Canadian.

Miss Arthur died in Summerside in 1945.

PROGRAM

Opening Nursing School And Veterans' Wing Nov. 26, 1947, 2 p.m.

- Chairman, Mr. Justice Tweedy
- 2.00-2.05 Chairman's Remarks
- 2.05-2.15 His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor
- 2.15-2.30 Hon. J. Walter Jones, Premier.
- 2.30-2.45 Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, O. B. E.
- 2.45-2.50 His Worship the Mayor.
- 2.50-2.55 Mr. Maynard Schurman.
- 2.55-3.00 Announcements.

First Graduate Of Nursing School In Prince Edward Island

Sarah Jean Arthur, born at Hazel Grove, when a girl of nineteen read an editorial in an issue of The Guardian for the year 1890 stating that "young women of the higher type and of superior education" were needed to take up the profession of nursing in the new hospital at Charlottetown. In December she entered the training school. In two years she had her diploma and became the first graduate of the first school of nursing in the Province.

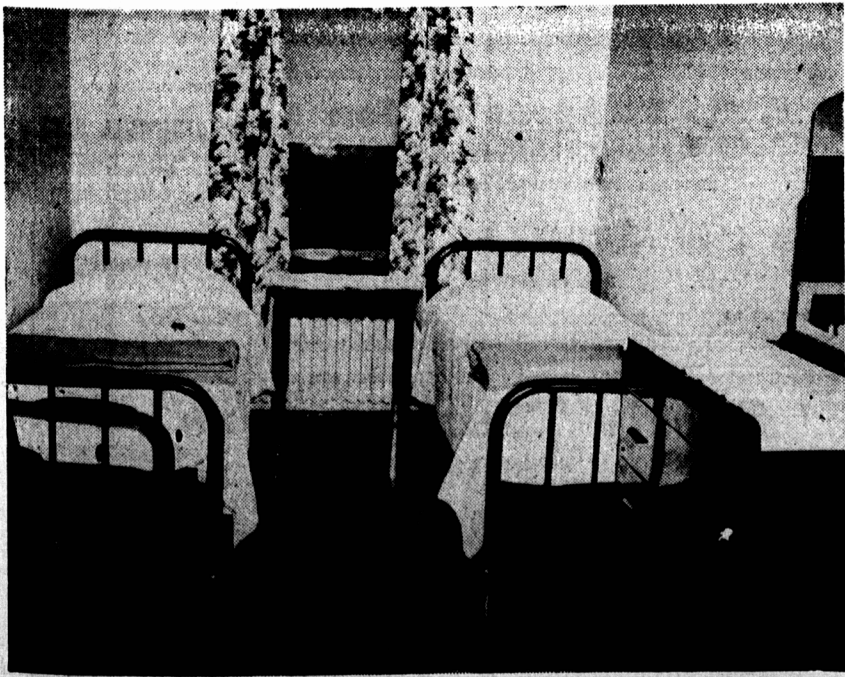
She gave her services for the next year to the school free as did her only classmate, Miss Ella Tynan.

In 1894, Miss Arthur left the school and for the next twelve years ministered to the sick in town and country. During that time she took two post-graduate courses, one at what is now known as the New York Mem-

orial Hospital and the other at the Providence Lying-In Hospital. Miss Arthur also took a short course in mental nursing at Denver, Mass.

She accepted a position at Falconwood Hospital in 1906 and remained there until 1909; then went West and did private nursing in Vancouver until 1912. During the next two years she had charge of two hospitals, the Port Alice Hospital on Vancouver Island and the Powell River Hospital in British Columbia. Her last charge in that Province was the Trail Hospital.

"Pioneers of Nursing in Canada," published by the History of Nursing Society, School for Graduate Nurses, McGill University contained an article on Miss Arthur's career which concluded: "In 1926 she came home to the



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