

NEW FALCONWOOD MENTAL HOSPITAL

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One hundred patients may be accommodated and given the latest scientific treatment. Beautiful structure built by Mr. T. D. Morrison, Island contractor.

The new Falconwood Hospital has been completed and will shortly be handed over to the Government by the architect, Mr. C. A. Fowler and the contractor Mr. T. D. Morrison.



PREMIER MACMILLAN

Who will formally take over the new hospital on behalf of the Government.

The rebuilding of the east wing required about nine months during which the top story of the standing walls was removed, the partition taken down, and the cellar excavated. The outside brick was cleaned by sand blasting, the work being done by Mr. Cyril Arsenault.

Between eighty and one hundred patients can be taken care of in the new building. The female patients are housed in the east section and the males in the west section. The interior of the building is fitted up simply and substantially, but each room is a work of beauty as well. The bedrooms and corridors are finished in cream, the wards and day rooms in Naples green, and the kitchen and toilets in buff.

SYNOPSIS OF BUILDING OPERATIONS

On June 7th, 1933 formal acceptance was received from the Government of Prince Edward Island, Department of Public Works and operations were commenced.

The first part of the work was the erection of temporary buildings and after this came the demolition of the top storey and partitions of

the east wing of the three storey building which was destroyed by fire and which was a hazardous undertaking. While this work was going on about 240,000 bricks were salvaged, cleaned and piled on the site; this gave work to some eighty to one hundred men after which all debris was removed from the basement and around the existing walls of the wing to be constructed and dumped to refill the basement of the west wing of the building destroyed.

Then came the work of staging and the raking out and repainting the joints of the old brickwork and the rebuilding of the west end of the east wing. After this work was completed there came a hold-up of about two months for steel which was ordered from England, the provincial government thereby making a saving of some \$4,000 rather than buying the American fabricated steel. While waiting for steel, the general contractor was fortunate in securing a contract for the excavating and laying of approximately 2,000 feet of water line, which included the setting of valves and hydrants. This work was done under the supervision of the Government engineer, Mr. J. A. Reardon and was completed to his satisfaction. During this interval, considerable repair work was also done on the boiler house, which included the raking out and repainting of the brickwork on the smoke stack which is in the vicinity of 120 feet high.

The first carload of steel arrived in Charlottetown on August 18th and no time was lost in commencing erecting operations, which took about eight weeks to complete.

After the steelwork was completed, it was then possible for the General Contractor to complete the brickwork, such as gables etc., and by this time the steel roof deck was being put on and the reinforced concrete floors were being poured. Following the steel roof deck were the roofing and sheet metal contractors. After the concrete floors had been poured, partition and wall tile was set on all floors, followed by plastering.

One feature of the work was that the stone cutting for the two main entrances and the circular window in the front gable was done on the job by Maritime stone cutters and stone salvaged out of the Prince of Wales College which was destroyed by fire, was used. The finishing of the interior was done by Island carpenters and other mechanics and the results speak well for the efficiency of the local help employed. The interior decoration is very effective, the color scheme for the walls and trim blending well with the ceiling and Mastic Tile floors. This also was carried out by a local contractor. It has been the aim of the contractor during the construction of this building to employ wherever possible, local labor and use local material as he feels that the local labor both skilled and unskilled is just as good as can be obtained elsewhere.

ABSOLUTELY FIREPROOF

The Provincial Government in its construction have taken every precaution that a conflagration such as caused the destruction of the old building will never occur again.

From basement to roof the edifice is fire proof in every detail. Moreover, the pipe line connecting with the city water works gives an adequate supply for all emergencies, replaces the antiquated system which supplied the old institution.

Not a hint of the building's purpose is gained from its exterior design. Besides the several gables it has two small cells on its south front, one on the east and one on the west end. In the rear of the building there is still another cell.

The two stories are sub-divided into wards and private rooms. Each floor has its waiting and attendant room near the entrance and also commodious day rooms with exits to the verandas, linen and locker closets. Both floors have four large wards. Provision is made on the second floor also, for a number of private bedrooms, the matron's office and sitting room and for the attendants' bedrooms.

The roomy basement is finished as completely as the two upper stories and here are located two large dining rooms for the patients, a dining room for the staff and the help, modernly equipped kitchens, a number of store rooms.

The outside construction of the building is of red brick; the sloping roof has a steel deck with heat and cold insulation protection and both steel and insulation are shielded from the weather by a slate surface.

All windows have double hung sashes and each sash is double glazed. Floors rest on open bar joists carrying concrete slab and finished in asphalt tile. All outside walls are lined with gypsum block and with air space between block and brick inside partitions.



MR. C. A. FOWLER

Mr. C. A. Fowler, Halifax, architect for the new Falconwood Mental Hospital.

are of similar construction and material.

The walls throughout and also the ceilings are plastered with tested acoustic blocks to prevent noise. Toilets and bedrooms have tile walls and floors.

Modern hot water heating will maintain the comfort of the building in cold weather. Heat is generated in the old power house and by means of underground pipes is carried to steam converters in the new wing, from whence it radiates to every section of the institution. A one of the notable features, this

house telephone system will connect various parts of the building with the office switchboard, a convenience lacking in the old institution.

Over 80 ward patients can be taken care of in the new wing with the greatest efficiency and with more ease than was possible before. In addition to these a number of private patients can be accommodated.

The completion of the building registers a distinct advance in the methods of handling the mentally afflicted in this province and although the loss of the first Falconwood was a great blow to the Province the aftermath will be beneficial and a real blessing to those whom it affects most intimately, the patients themselves.

THE BUILDING

The new Falconwood Hospital is a building that Prince Edward Island can be proud of, not only that it is a fine Hospital but that it was built by a Prince Edward Island Contractor, Mr. T. D. Morrison. The work was supervised by two local architects, Mr. James E. Harris and Mr. A. E. Blanchard.

On going through the building one is struck by the modern appearance and up-to-date construction. The rooms are large and airy, with lots of light, the windows which are of the latest design. These windows are so constructed that they eliminate the use of the large outside storm windows.

The heating of the Hospital is every section of the institution. A one of the notable features, this

work was done by Messrs. Currie and Murnaghan the well known Charlottetown Plumbing and Heating firm to whom much credit is due for this work.

The painting and decorating is another noticeable feature, the work being done by J. Alfred Doyle of Charlottetown, using Messrs. Sherwin Williams products and

Walpamure supplied through R. D. Holman Co. Ltd. This work is credit to Mr. Doyle, and was carried out in a first class manner. (Continued on Page 9)

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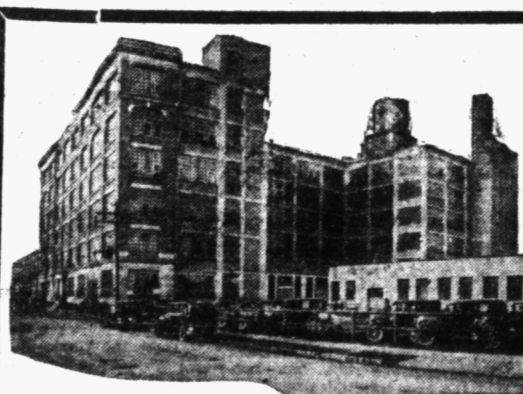
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