

FINANCE

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became so acute that the Trustees were compelled to proceed without delay to provide a new hospital. The new building at Brighton, which we plan to open on the 4th of July, is the result. The hospital has been carefully planned and the very latest ideas in building and equipment have been carried out. We have 104 beds besides accommodation for 20 nurses and when the demand for hospitalization reaches our bed limit a nurses' home will likely be erected thus providing more accommodation for patients.

As the reports of the different committees, which cover the principal activities of the hospital for the past year, have been received and adopted further comment is unnecessary. The report of Mr. S. A. McLeod, of the Building Committee, gives you the fullest particulars regarding the new hospital. The matter of financing however, calls for some serious thinking.

When we started the construction of this building we had the cash which had been paid in as a result of the campaigns of 1923 and 1930 and the promises to pay the unpaid balances of subscribers in these two campaigns. Many subscribers in both campaigns had told us: "We will not pay any more until the hospital is under construction and you need the money, then we will pay." On the strength of these promises we went ahead and have erected a hospital of which any community may feel proud, erected and equipped it at a lower cost per bed than that of any modern hospital erected in Canada in the last twenty years.

Now we must ask all contributors to take care of their obligations under their pledges given in the two campaigns. You must surely see that this is due to the Trustees in order that they may be able to take care of the financial arrangements they have made. We have borrowed \$75,000 from the Royal Bank of Canada on the credit of the Hospital and we are obliged to borrow further amounts necessary to complete the work, to finance all of which we are putting out an issue of bonds amounting to \$25,000 at 5 1/2% with which to pay the bank loan.

We were very disappointed that the Provincial Government this year refused us the further grant which they had practically promised us. At the laying of the corner stone the following letter from Premier J. D. Stewart was read by Hon. Dr. MacMillan:—

Message from the Premier

"In embracing this opportunity of congratulating you and your associated trustees of the Prince Edward Island Hospital upon reaching this milestone in the history of your institution, may I express my great disappointment that I am deprived of the privilege of being present and personally taking part in this function. The advancement of civilization and refinement can best be measured by the progress made by the community in the care and amelioration of the sick and unfortunate. If that proposition is accepted then our advancement in this community must be measured by the history of our hospitals, and the credit for this advancement belongs to citizens who have given their time and means to that end and among whom are the members of your Board and their predecessors. The Prince Edward Island Hospital has for many years been a household name throughout the length and breadth of the Province, but lately our Provincial requirements have grown beyond it and your Board conceived the erection of this new institution. I cannot imagine any greater evidence of the courage, determination and public service of the members of your Board, than the undertaking and carrying forward thus far this structure especially under conditions such as have existed during recent times. How all these eleventh hour institutions have been maintained so successfully up to the present, no one knows, except those who have undertaken to find the funds. If I may personally be permitted to express an opinion, I believe the time is near at hand when the state will find a common bond out of which all these institutions will be maintained. Let us hope that the time is at hand when all citizens will cast aside all petty partisan sentiments, and unite as a people with the ambition to raise the physical and moral standard of our citizenship to the top of the Canadian ladder."

Faithfully yours, (Sgd.) J. D. STEWART, Premier. Dr. MacMillan supported the wishes of the Premier, saying: "After paying tribute to the excellent medical and nursing staff of the Prince Edward Island Hospital, the speaker said that the one thing lacking had been the inadequacy of the building. This lack is now being supplied by the erection of the splendid modern up to date hospital. In touching on the cost of running a hospital Dr. MacMillan stated that the amount of charitable work now carried on in the three hospitals has so greatly increased that unless they get assistance to pay off the overdraft and deficits they must go out of business. He trusted that the time would soon come when out of the funds of the Province there should be set aside a sufficient amount to maintain the hospitals, or as they do in other Provinces, give an adequate per capita amount to meet the living expenses of those who come in as ward patients. The present governmental grants the speaker explained amounted to only \$2,000 each. Hon. W. M. Lea in following Dr. MacMillan, said: Hon. Mr. Lea congratulated the Board of Trustees, the Committees and all others concerned on the courage and self sacrifice they displayed during the present economic conditions in going ahead and beginning the erection of the Hospital. Previous speakers had referred to the necessity of a state construction. He said that he believed the opposition would be ready to support any reasonable proposition put forward by the government. While Premier he had been visited by important delegations in connection with health activities, and could not but recognize the justice of their claims. He instanced the provision made for the treatment of tuberculosis. Why should not the Province support to a greater extent, the needs of the Hospitals? he asked. 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For several years the amount of free work done by the two Charlottetown hospitals has amounted to from \$15,000 to \$18,000 per year and the Prince County Hospital in about the same proportion. All of this work should be paid for by the Provincial Government and the incorporated towns and cities having the power of taxation. The refusal of further assistance to the general hospitals by the Government appears scarcely fair or wise, in view of the large grant given to the Provincial Sanatorium and the further increase of this grant by \$6,000 this year, the increase totaling the entire grant to the three hospitals. 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Campaign Report

The following report on the hospital campaign from Oct. 23, 1930, to April 30, 1933, was presented by Mr. W. F. Tidmarsh: By Cash balance transferred from 1923 campaign \$ 4,161.02 By Cash received to date and credited by Royal Bank 124,412.39 By Contribution by Services 35.00 By Bank Interest 3,227.93 \$131,836.34

To Salaries 2,776.83 To Printing and Stationery 247.51 To Postage 377.69 To Travelling Expenses: Jas. Paton \$300.00 S. A. McLeod 150.00 Dr. Houston 115.25 Miss Mair 125.00 690.25

To Sundry Expenses: Provincial Treasurer 25.00 Rent, Light, Advertising, etc. 122.41 147.41 To Survey of Hospital Grounds 35.00 To Bank Charges for Exchange, Postage, Telegrams, etc. 120.93 To Hospital Building Committee 126,868.95

Bank Balance 131,264.57 \$71,777 \$131,836.34

STATEMENT OF PLEDGES AND CASH CONTRIBUTIONS

Cash received at outset of campaign for which no receipts were issued \$ 350.00 Cash contributions for which receipts were issued 11,426.54 Total pledges in cash, in foxes and in services 186,446.66

Less anticipated loss on foxes 1,200.00 197,026.20 Less Cash received \$124,412.39 Less Services rendered 35.00 124,447.39 Balance of pledges unpaid \$ 72,578.81

Following is the financial statement for the year ending March 31st, 1933:

RECEIPTS

Anaesthetic Fees \$ 2,314.00 Patients Fees 29,525.56 X-Ray Fees 3,173.00 Scholarship, H. J. Crowe Estate 600.00 Provincial Government Grant 2,000.00 City of Charlottetown, Grant 1,500.00 Prowse Bros. Anniversary Sale 87.50 Masonic Collection (Laying of Corner Stone) 53.78 Donation, Harry MacLean 15.00 Donation, (Friend) 20.69 Interest on Endowment Fund 2,923.40 Medical Supplies 270.01 Metabolism Fees 327.00 Pathological Dept. Fees 1,476.40 Nurses Books 17.50 Rent of Field, Exhibition Association 15.00 Refuse 25.00 American Exchange 4.00 Set of scales sold 3.75 J. E. Bell (Campaign Fund 1923) 1.00 Special Nurses Board 1,506.10 Sun Lamp Treatments 142.00 \$46,000.69

EXPENDITURES

To Balance March 31st, 1932 \$ 1,411.83 Scholarship, H. J. Crowe Estate (Miss Linnie Platts) 600.00 Electric Power 905.05 Expenses General 1,426.85 Fuel 4,344.44 Groceries 7,372.58 Milk & Cream 1,791.90 Meat & Fish 2,137.98 Insurance 584.45 Expenses Mrs. Hooper's Grave 2.00 Laundry 2,488.46 Medical & Surgical Supplies 5,135.84 Metabolism Fees (Polyclinic) 327.00 Printing & Stationery 235.31 Postage 106.90 Pathological Department Expenses 47.42 Salaries 15,409.76 City Taxes 52.38 Telephone Rent 114.12 X-Ray Department Expenses 1,489.59 To Balance 16.83 \$46,000.69

GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

By Amount reported March 31st, 1932 \$57,204.77 By Estate Late Thomas W. May 250.00 By Sale 84 Shares Strathcona Silver Black Fox Co. 169.68 (Estate late R. M. Johnson) \$57,624.45

PRIVATE ROOM ENDOWMENT

March 31st, 1933 Estate R. Hoariz \$ 1,000.00 Interest Invested 270.92 Estate Alice J. Johnson 823.54 Estate George Auld 305.84 \$ 2,400.30

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Mr. C. H. Black remarked that unpaid pledges amounted to \$72,000 roughly, and asked what might be realized on this amount. Mr. Tidmarsh explained that a number of subscriptions were to be paid over a period of five years; \$20,000 was absolutely certain, and \$20,000 more might be expected from the country districts. The majority of subscribers were anxious to pay, and they would pay as soon as conditions permitted them to do so. Dr. Clark read the report of the 1923 Campaign. The sum of \$43,161.32, proceeds from bonds sold, had been handed to the building committee. The chairman, in reply to question stated that there was \$5,500 collectable in unpaid pledges from the 1923 campaign. Commenting on the report of the Building Committee, Rev. H. D. Raymond commended the committee for the work accomplished, and made an inquiry as regards the financial condition of the new hospital. Mr. S. A. MacLeod replied that the hospital would cost in the vicinity of \$325,000, and that \$244,930.44 had been expended up to the present time. Of this amount \$80,000 had been borrowed.

Mr. R. N. MacNeill read the amended-by-law regarding the retirement of trustees, and moved that the amendment be confirmed. The motion carried. Rev. H. D. Raymond thought that it ought to be impressed on the minds of the public that there would be \$7,000 henceforth to pay in interest debts. It was proposed to meet obligations by means of subscriptions from people who in some cases had not paid their building pledges. Mr. Rogers felt that the situation would be met successfully. Commenting on the report of the trustees, Rev. E. H. Ramsay pointed out that the Sanatorium was an institution to fight tuberculosis. While it was the duty of the Government to come to assistance of institutions, he did not believe it would be well for the Government to bear entirely the support of the hospital, but that a certain amount should be borne by the people voluntarily. To take away the privilege of voluntary giving was to take away the spirit of Christian charity. The running of sweepstakes for hospital support in the Old Country had dried up the sources of support. A health tax to supplement the

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