

Prince County Hospital Campaign Opens April 1st

Mayor Arnett Asks Support

Monday April 1st is the opening date of the drive for a new Hospital for Prince County. The present Hospital dates back to the year 1912 with 20 beds—the growth since that time has been steady—

Prince County can be justly proud of the members of the medical and nursing profession who are doing a wonderful job in administering to the suffering and sick throughout the County and must be supported by every one to see that patients entering the new Hospital will receive every possible medical and surgical attention, so that they may continue and increase their great humanitarian work in the Community.



This present drive affords an opportunity to play a part by making available accommodation in our new Prince County Hospital to care for those seeking admittance for treatment in time of illness. We must remember the returned Veterans from Prince County and be prepared to provide hospitalization for them when required. Canvassers in Summerside and Prince County will start calling on you Monday next. The amount you contribute can be spread over a period of three years. Be prepared, when they call, to sign for the amount you feel you can give. Let each one do his part so that the objective may be reached with the least possible delay so the management can proceed with arrangements for the planning and erecting of an up-to-date Hospital for Prince County.

Dr. Simpson Tells Reason For Drive

In an effort to inform the people of Prince County more clearly as to why a new hospital is really meant to them in the way of facilities and service and how they would benefit if taken ill and were brought to the hospital, a reporter approached Dr. J. C. Simpson, a member of the medical staff of the hospital and representative of the medical staff on the Board of Trustees. For information on the different departments of the institution Dr. Simpson elaborated on what he believed the demand for hospitalization to be caused by. He dismissed the idea that the rush at the Prince County Hospital was due to war conditions. "People are becoming more hospital conscious," he said. "Many people have purchased accommodation in advance by means of Blue Cross and can now afford to go to a hospital. Even if they are really sick and in the attitude that their hospitalization is paid for and they might as well make use of it. Another thing," he continued, "is that nearly all workmen are now insured by some form of Workmen's compensation. Dr. Simpson stated that in his opinion a 100 bed hospital would be a very conservative estimate of the needs of the county and it should be constructed in such a way that it could be enlarged if conditions permit.

Turning to particular phases of the matter he said that up to now, due to lack of space it has really only been possible to have chronic cases. There has been no room to bring in cases of chronic illnesses for proper and complete investigation. Dr. Simpson said he understood that one member of the staff will, in the new hospital, devote his full time as an internist to the study of these cases in order that a proper diagnosis may be carried out. Certain other departments have also been more neglected he said. Owing to lack of operating room space the surgeons have not had an opportunity to give proper study and thought to certain types of kidney diseases. The new hospital should have two or three operating rooms for minor surgery and special services such as eye, ear, nose and throat work.

There will also be a physiotherapy department where patients before and after operations and those suffering from chronic ailments, such as arthritis may receive modern electrical treatments and hydro-therapy. "I trust that the public will respond generously to this appeal for the development of this worthy institution, which contributes so largely to the health and welfare of the western half of Prince Edward Island."

Plans Made for 100 Bed Half Million Dollar Hospital

On Monday, April 1st, the campaign to raise \$300,000.00 to construct a new Prince County Hospital will get underway all over the county. The need for a new hospital in Summerside has been more and more evident of late years as patients have on many occasions been turned away from its door because all the beds were filled. At times when emergency cases have been brought in it has been necessary to put some other patients in a cot, sometimes in a hallway. How critical the situation really is was first brought to light at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees two years ago when Dr. J. C. Simpson and Dr. W. B. Howatt spoke out in protest of the conditions as they exist. The matter was again brought up last year and the board of trustees decided to take some action. Early this winter they decided to build a hospital of 100 hundred beds to cost about one-half million dollars. Plans were immediately started to hold a financial campaign to raise \$300,000.00 of this amount. Mr. C. B. Morris was placed in charge of the drive and extensive preparations have been made to put the appeal over during the month of April and sign points to its ultimate success. Half of this amount is to be raised from a canvass of special names and it is understood that the committee in charge feel that this amount will be subscribed. The balance has to be given by the people of the county and it is hoped that all will feel that they have a share in this great responsibility and will give to the utmost of their ability.

No plans have been drawn up as yet for the new building and no decision has been reached as to its location. But the amount of money that is raised will determine to some extent the size of the building and the facilities that it will have to offer. It is hoped that the people will realize that what will be constructed now will be built for the future and it would be a tragic thing if, in fifteen to twenty years it were found that that building was again inadequate. Vision is needed at this stage so that the money may be forthcoming to build a hospital that will serve the needs of this community for many years to come.

That old soiled photograph will clean up beautifully for a good thing if it is gone over with soft, white bread, rubbing the soiled spots well.

Lieut Governor Commends Campaign



This Campaign constitutes one of the great acts of Mercy in our midst. It is sponsored and managed by persons who have at heart the greatest good to suffering humanity, and as the necessity for enlarged Hospital accommodation at Summerside is obvious, it becomes the duty of everyone in the County to contribute to a generous degree so that the objective may be reached and that this new spirit of response will prove that they are ready and ready to receive patients at as early a date as possible.

J. A. Bernard Lieut.-Gov. of Prince Edward Island

The Trustees have launched a campaign for funds to erect a new and larger Hospital, and to provide more up-to-date equipment, which are so urgently necessary. I trust that the public will respond generously to this appeal for the development of this worthy institution, which contributes so largely to the health and welfare of the western half of Prince Edward Island.

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