

Hospitals' Capital Debt Assumed By Province

While discontinuing their one dollar per diem grant to island hospitals amounting to \$170,000 a year, the provincial government will take over the cost of the capital debt retirement for the eight hospitals at a cost of approximately \$200,000 per year.

This amount will be paid out of the consolidated revenue of the province.

A request for relief was received from the hospitals last week in a brief submitted by their representatives and supported by the hospital commission.

CONCERN EXPRESSED

Hospitals had used the per diem grant, based on the number of patient days per year, to guarantee bonds issued to finance new construction. When the grant was discontinued at the start of the hospital insurance plan, as part of the Federal Government conditions for participation, bond holders and hospitals alike expressed concern over future payments as they become due.

Dr. Hubert MacNeill, minister of health said yesterday a majority of such bonds are of 30-year issues.

Part of the agreement between federal and provincial govern-

ments on hospital insurance calls for patient payments for accommodations over the standard ward rate to be divided evenly between the hospital and the hospital commission.

This condition cut into the revenue of the hospitals as they had only the income from their charges and financial drives with which to pay their capital debt.

The whole hospital insurance plan, Dr. MacNeill and deputy minister Dr. O.H. Curtis, said was to fill an "unmet need" of those requiring hospital care but unable to afford it.

NO PATIENT INCREASE

They do not believe there is any appreciable increase in the number of hospital patients due to the insurance plan being in effect. They admit there are greater numbers of patients in Prince County and Alberton hospitals but Dr. MacNeill says the latter always has had a long waiting list and Prince County Hospital, Summerside, recently at the peak of its demand for space re-opened "First East"—a section which has been opened and closed in the past as need arose.

It is expected that cost of the plan to the province will fluctuate narrowly depending on ul-

imate costs of construction still underway at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island and Alberton Hospitals.

PER CAPITA RATE HIGH

The Minister said this province now has a per capita hospital bed capacity "at or close to the top" in Canada. He said the capacity here is now 650 beds.

Future construction by hospitals is provided for under the plan with federal and provincial governments each assuming one-quarter of the cost provided the community guarantees payment of one-half of the balance. The remainder is then taken care of by the hospital commission.

Already since the new insurance scheme went into effect eight island patients have been approved for transfer for treatment in hospitals outside the province in Halifax, Montreal and one in the United States at a hospital providing the only specialized type of treatment needed. Two of these patients were to leave Summerside yesterday.

TALKED WITH NEHRU

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Burmes prime minister Ne Win flew home Saturday after a 44-hour visit to India and talks with said he discussed the tense situation along their borders with Prime Minister Nehru. Nehru said they discussed the tense situation along their borders with Red China but no communique was issued.

Egmont Bay

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Cherry preserves: 1. Mrs. Cyrus A. Gallant; 2. Mrs. Joseph E. Gallant; 3. Mrs. Arthur Arsenault.

Collection of preserves: 1. Mrs. Cyrus A. Gallant; 2. Mrs. Joseph E. Arsenault; 3. Mrs. Gus P.A. Arsenault.

Jelly: 1. Mrs. Emilien Bernard; 2. Mrs. Lucien Arsenault; 3. Mrs. Arthur Arsenault.

Jam: 1. Mrs. Arthur Arsenault; 2. Mrs. Sylvère J.P. Arsenault; 3. Mrs. Gus P.A. Arsenault.

Maccaroons: 1. Mrs. Cyrus A. Gallant; 2. Mrs. Tilmon J. Arsenault.

Ginger snaps: 1. Mrs. Tilmon J. Arsenault; 2. Mrs. Gus P.A. Arsenault; 3. Mrs. Cyr Gallant.

Pickles, mixed: 1. Mrs. Glorice Cormier; 2. Mrs. Irene Maddix.

Pickles, mustard: 1. Mrs. Sylvère J.P. Arsenault; 2. Mrs. Cyrille Arsenault; 3. Mrs. Gus P.A. Arsenault.

Relish: 1. Miss Marguerite Richard; 2. Mrs. Joseph E. Gallant; 3. Mrs. Joseph D. Arsenault.

Chow chow: 1. Mrs. Benoit Cormier; 2. Mrs. John L. Arsenault; 3. Mrs. Emilien Bernard.

Strawberry preserves, cultivated: 1. Mrs. Cyrus A. Gallant; 2. Mrs. Gus P.A. Arsenault; 3. Mrs. Sylvère J.P. Arsenault.

Strawberry preserves, wild: 1. Mrs. Cyrus A. Gallant; 2. Mrs. John Gallant; 3. Mrs. Sylvère J.P. Arsenault.

Raspberry preserves: 1. Mrs. Cyrus A. Gallant; 2. Mrs. Felix J.N. Gallant; 3. Mrs. Sylvère J.

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3. Mrs. George Arsenault

BOTTLED MEATS, FISH AND VEGETABLES

Beef: 1. Mrs. Anne Marie Arsenault; 2. Mrs. Cyrus A. Gallant; 3. Mrs. Felix J.N. Gallant.

Quahbogs: 1. Mrs. Cyrus A. Gallant.

Herring: 1. Mrs. Anne Marie Arsenault; 2. Mrs. John L. Arsenault; 3. Mrs. Cyrus A. Gallant.

Mackerel: 1. Mrs. Cyrus A. Gallant; 2. Mrs. Theodore P. Arsenault.

Peas: 1. Mrs. Benoit Cormier;

2. Mrs. Theodore P. Arsenault.

Claims: 1. Miss Marie Arsenault; 2. Mrs. Cyrus A. Gallant; 3. Mrs. Felix J.N. Gallant.

Collection of vegetables: 1. Mrs. Gus P.A. Arsenault; 2. Mrs. Glorice Cormier; 3. Mrs. Tilmon J. Arsenault.

MAN, WOMAN TEST

SUDBURY, Ont. (CP) — Men and women will meet Oct. 24 in an attempt to settle which is the better driver. A Romeo and Juliet driving competition, with rules similar to those of truck roados, will be sponsored by the McKim police department and the Sudbury Star.

UNHEALTHY HEAT

NOTTINGHAM, England (CP) — Health authorities blamed the hot, dry weather for an epidemic of throat infections in this industrial city.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

All persons or corporations holding accounts payable by any Department of the Province of Prince Edward Island are asked to please present them to the Department concerned on or before October 15th, next.

MELVIN J. McQUAID
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