

Notes On New Pavilion, Charlottetown Hospital

Care Of The Sick Essential Factor In Design And Erection

The new pavilion has a very fine setting with views overlooking Charlottetown Harbour, Victoria Park and the West River and its situation is a very happy one. The care of the sick is the prime function of a hospital and this has been borne in mind throughout the designing and erection. Every effort was made to provide plenty of light and air, and an expansive view from the windows for the benefit of the patients. Convenience of service for the staff, nurses and help has been also kept in mind so that the patients may get the quickest and most satisfactory service. Sound-proofing of partitions and sound absorption to give minimum of noise and reduce it at its source. Quick delivery of food from kitchen to patient and methods of keeping food hot at all floor diet kitchens has been given careful attention. All the new wards run from a maximum of four beds to single rooms, so that there are never more than four patients to a room at any time. A large percentage are in semi-private (i.e. two bed) and single rooms.

Health Vital To Civic Progress



Mayor B. Earle MacDonald

As one of my first public duties on being elected Mayor of the City for a third term it is a pleasure for me to extend congratulations to the Charlottetown Hospital on the opening of its new Pavilion. All too frequently we fail to give due consideration to the great humanitarian work going on around about us. It is NOT until we are personally affected that this fact forcibly strikes us. We are fortunate indeed to have public institutions of which we may well be proud—and our hospitals are not the least of these. It is a proud day for the Charlottetown Hospital, its Board of Governors, its Medical Staff, the Sisters of Saint Martha, and all who contributed in any way to the completion of this splendid addition. The care of the sick, and health of our citizens is vitally important to the progress of our city and Province. The fact that this is being realized more and more is reassuring for the future. As a layman I cannot speak authoritatively of the technical advancements introduced in the erection of the new Pavilion, but can express keen appreciation of the aims and objects of alleviating suffering humanity. The City of Charlottetown is proud of its hospitals and of those who labour in their cause.

cubicles so that the babies are all in individual areas and yet in full oversight of the nurse in charge. Here too are rooms for premature and infectious cases and a demonstration room for teaching mothers the handling of infants. The wards on this floor are four bed wards, semi-private wards (2 bed) and several single wards, all served by a diet kitchen with the dumb-waiter from the kitchen. At the east end of this floor there is a large department, shut off from the rest of the floor by doors, wherein is housed the case rooms, labour and utility rooms, etc. with doctors' waiting-room. On the roof is a large fan room for the ventilating system and space for the elevator machinery. As to construction. The building has been built with steel frame and concrete floors on open bar joists of steel, the outside walls being of brick backed with hollow tile. The inside partitions are built of gypsum blocks, plastered with Hardwall plaster. The roofing is of tar and gravel. The floors throughout all departments and corridors are of rubber tile and grates proof asphalt and linoleum, as the occasion calls for, the foyer and main kitchen being respectively in ceramic tile and red quarry tile. The ceilings throughout are treated with acoustic tile, those in the halls and noisier portions having the perforated blocks. "Fibron" Covered Walls The walls are covered with "Fibron", a material of washable quality which is in very attractive colours and designs and patterns. This material has been used in United States' hospitals very considerably, but is here used for the first time in a Canadian hospital. The walls of toilets, showers, etc. as well as utility rooms and diet kitchens have been finished four feet high in "Miraplas", a plastic tile in gay or subdued colours as occasion required. The lighting fixtures have been studied with great care to give ample light without garishness. An important feature of the new pavilion is the large, heated ambulance entrance, direct from Haviland Street to the hospital, permitting the ambulance to drive in one door and out another so that patients are protected from inclement weather and public view both entering and leaving. Considerable work has still to be done in the old hospital which will proceed in due course to bring operating-room facilities up to date and also a much needed central supply room. There has already been installed an excellent incinerator for garbage disposal. An electric emergency plant is situated in a fireproof building in the yard and provides for continuous boiler operation and lighting service where absolutely needed as in operations, etc., during a

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Second Floor The second floor is all devoted to patients' beds, largely four bed wards and two bed wards. There is a large kitchen equipped with refrigerator and steam table, also cold water service for drinking water in addition to taps at sinks. This floor connects on the level with the main floor of the old building and has fireproof doors between. A large size room at the west end of this floor can be used as a sun parlour when not occupied as a regular ward. The third floor houses single and two bed wards largely, having a diet kitchen similar to the second floor. These diet kitchens are served by dumb-waiter from the kitchen as well as by the heated tray carriers brought up in the elevator. This floor also connects to the old building through fireproof doors. The fourth floor houses the maternity department. Here are the nurseries with metal and glass

Social Problems Tackled With Tact And Understanding

To give families and those suffering from social problems the encouragement they need, to console and sympathize, and above all to understand the great needs which result from poverty, indecent home conditions, and the mental and nervous stress from which they suffer because of circumstance, and sometimes be unable to alleviate this, demands the utmost from those who have the urge to serve. Social problems which must be attacked are deep-rooted and make up a difficult project which cannot be accomplished in a short period of time but require a deep study and tangible application of the broad principles of social justice and social charity. No one is poor by choice; but the poor we have always with us. It is clear that a Community serving institution such as a hospital is in a particularly favoured position to see the ill effects on many homes and families of the abnormal existence. Since, in the words of Pope Pius XII "the cradle is the cradle of civil society, and it is for the most part in the surroundings of the home that the destiny of states is prepared" the Charlottetown Hospital inaugurated in 1931 a far-sighted policy of Social Welfare. With a limited staff and a meagre budget of \$1500.00 the opening year of this Community service saw 140 families on the visiting list and the Social Service workers making over 4,400 home visits. The noble work done by the pioneers of this movement was a veritable God-send to these families who were the victims of maladjustment, unemployment, and the multitude of factors which may be classified under the broad heading of distress. Naturally the medical side of the picture is ever present and the amount of work done by the Hospital medical staff cannot be over-emphasized. The duty of charity towards our fellow man is well brought out in an excerpt from the Social Welfare Report of June 1932 in which the following is quoted from an Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII: "People are not free to choose whether they will take up the cause of the poor or not; it is a matter of simple duty; what the weight of our obligation is we may discover from the superabundance of the good things we have received; the larger it is the stricter must be the account we

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Lt-Governor Bernard Lauds Achievement

To His Excellency Right Reverend James Boyle, D.D., and to Honourable Sir William J. P. MacMillan, O.B.E., M.D., C.M., and to their fellow officers who have so ably piloted the work of erecting and equipping the large new addition to the Charlottetown Hospital the thanks of the people of the City, Town and Country goes forth in volume. The opening of the new modern structure, containing as it does enlarged commodious facilities of incalculable importance for treating our ills must be regarded as a great forward movement in medicine and surgery, and one which should meet with general satisfaction and acclaim throughout the Province. It is due chiefly to the skillful work of the men who devote their lives and their energies to the medical profession that there has been such a favourable decline in the general death rate during the past few years and that life expectancy has been increased by over five years. New opportunities are now afforded by the opening of this addition for a continuance and a further advance in these figures which already mean so much to the general welfare and happiness of citizens of Prince Edward Island.

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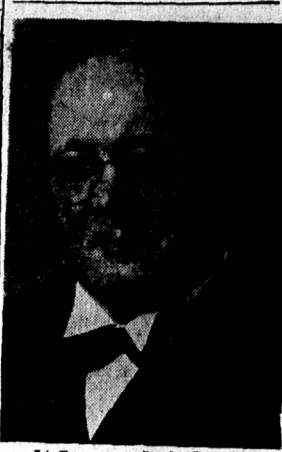
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