

# 1968 hospital operating budget set at \$285,000.00

Executive members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Bruce Peninsula and District Memorial Hospital attended the November meeting of the Hospital Board.

Mrs. O. Preston, president, Mrs. G. Hahn, secretary, Mrs. N. Reid, treasurer, and Mrs. R. McIntyre, public relations, were welcomed to the meeting by the chairman of the Board, Mr. Carl Whicher. Mrs. Preston gave a short resume of the work of the Auxiliary, and presented Mr. Whicher with a cheque for \$1,000 to help pay for new X-ray equipment. He expressed the gratitude of the Board for such a generous donation, and expressed appreciation to the ladies for the continuous co-operation and assistance to the Hospital from its inception, and expressed the hope that the good efforts would continue.

The administrator, Mr. Bert Carson, read a letter from Town Council stating that the enclosed Ambulance Contract had been signed under protest and would not be renewed. Also a letter from Mr. Elgin Parke stating that the insurance would be shared by all agents as usual. The insurance schedule presented by Mr. Parke was unanimously accepted by the Board on motion of Rev. G. H. Miller and Mr. A. E. Cordingley.

Mr. Wm. Cramm gave a report on the Ontario Hospital Convention in Toronto which he attended as delegate from the Board with Mr. Whicher.

Mr. Carson was asked to report on a meeting he attended recently in Orillia regarding disaster possibilities in various areas. With 117 regular flights passing over Warton Airport daily, plus additional charter and private flights, the possibility of accident was considered and the fact that the

Hospital as soon as possible.

Mr. Carson presented the Budget Report for 1968, showing a possible operating expense in excess of \$285,000. The report was accepted by the Board, providing it is sanctioned by Mr. K. Clarke, Finance Chairman, who was unable to be at the meeting.

Dr. K. MacNay, Medical Representative to the Board, requested that Courtesy Associate Staff memberships be sent to specialists from Owen Sound who come to the Bruce Peninsula and District Memorial Hospital for operations, X-ray, and consultations. He enquired about the possibility of the doctors' offices being incorporated into the new addition, as originally planned. Mr. Whicher stated that it was the hope of the Board that this could be accomplished at an early date, but owing to the increased cost of the original plan for the new addition, finances were not available at present.

Mr. Whicher reported attending a meeting in Owen Sound with Mr. Carson of the newly formed Grey and Bruce Health Services Committee. The meeting was chaired by Mrs. W. P. Telford, and was attended by Administrators, Board Chairmen and Medical Chiefs of Staff from 11 hospitals in the area; with the idea of planning for the future of health services. The administrator will attend a meeting in January, when discussions on expense cutting in various areas of hospital operation will be discussed and a resolution drawn up in this regard.

Miss Smith, director of the new Regional School of Nursing in Owen Sound, will be available to come to the Bruce Peninsula and District Hospital