

Friday, Feb. 26th.

# EXTENSION SOUGHT OF GOVERNMENT AID TO ALL HOSPITALS

Province - Wide Deputation  
Places Grievances Before  
Provincial Secretary

## CONSIDERATION PROMISED

Asking that the municipality grant for indigent patients be increased from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per day; that an allowance be made for indigent infants born in hospitals; that the Provincial per diem grant be raised from 50 to 55 cents; that the period of 120 days over which aid is given, be extended; and that townships bordering on cities of over 100,000 be compelled to pay for indigent patients entering city hospitals, a deputation, representative of every section of Ontario, waited on Hon. Lincoln Goldie, Provincial Secretary, at the Parliament Buildings yesterday to press the claims of Ontario hospitals for further Government grants.

### Costs Have Increased.

Strong emphasis was laid by the deputation upon the fact that while the cost of a hospital patient was now \$3.27 per day, hospital revenues in the same connection amounted to only \$2.50.

Among those who pressed the claims of the deputation were: Dr. Langwill, Superintendent of the Hamilton General Hospital; Major A. H. Murphy, of London; Chairman Revell of the Brantford General Hospital, and Dr. A. A. McDonald of Toronto.

Hon. Mr. Goldie was very sympathetic to the request of the deputation. In reply, he said that he had considered introduction of legislation whereby hospital deficits would be put in the general tax rate, but had refrained from putting this legislation in effect, inasmuch as the problem involved was a very difficult one. He felt that this action was the right action, but was afraid it might have the effect of destroying the interest of charitably inclined people in the hospitals.

### May Get Legislation.

That the cities had a very real grievance in the matter of the care of township patients in the large hospitals was admitted by Mr. Goldie, who promised that legislation covering this difficult problem would be introduced. Expressing the desire that he might have the closest co-operation of the Hospitals' Association, Mr. Goldie declared he would make arrangements to meet the Legislative Committee later in the day for a conference upon legislation to be brought in at this session of the House.