

## Hospital Wing Is Creditable Achievement

### New Wing of Hospital to Accommodate 58 Nurses

Many of the Nurses Moved Into Attractive New Quarters Last Week. Single and Double Rooms Nicely Furnished for Nurses. Quiet and Home-like with Modern Comforts

The nurses' section of the new wing of the St. Mary's Hospital, is supplied with both single and double rooms, and provides space for fifty-eight nurses. The south-eastern section is especially meant for night nurses, while the south-western end caters to the day nurses.

Each single bedroom holds a bed, dresser and desk, while the double rooms has two beds, a dresser and two desks. Many of the nurses moved into their new home on Tuesday afternoon, and added the finishing touch to the room with their personal belongings. All of them are delighted with the quiet and peace, and with the "new feeling," and one nurse even remarked that "it was nearly home!"

The bathroom and washroom is large and will accommodate several nurses at one time. Sparkling ivory washstands are lined along one side of the room, while on the opposite side are cabinets for personal belongings. A clothes drier is provided, and a luxurious shower, beautifully finished in tile-work. Everything in the entire section seems to say "We want you to be happy," and that is exactly what the nurses are, now that they have moved into their new home.

### First Hospital Maintained in Europe by the Monks

"Hospital" first implied a place where a guest received shelter. The word "hotel" is of similar derivation. Later "hospital" was the name given to refuges for the poor and infirm. The first recorded hospital in Europe was founded in Rome about 380 A.D., but certain temples in pre-Christian times had medical schools attached to them. In Great Britain the sick were largely cared for by monks until the 16th century.

### Specially Equipped for Minor and Major Cases

Probably most people when they think of the hospital think of it in terms of emergencies, serious accidents, major illness, but it should be remembered that St. Mary's hospital throughout the years, while giving the best service in these cases, has also been of inestimable value to the community in minor operations for children. Tonsil cases might be cited in this respect. Doctors are agreed that these minor tonsil cases save children much suffering and disease in after life. The new addition to the hospital provides special facilities for such minor cases, the new facilities not only adding to the equipment at the hospital but also making it much less frightening for any nervous youngsters. So elegantly and pleasantly is the department for children equipped that youngsters will lose all nervousness about treatment in so agreeable and homelike a place.

New York Journal:—Son (entering office): "Well, dad, I just ran in to say hello." "Too late, my boy, your mother ran up to say hello and got all my change."

## Hollinger Established First Hospital in 1912

Institution Comprising Accommodation for Ten Patients was Located at Corner of Fifth Avenue and Spruce Street. Present Hospital Has Kept Pace With Growth of the Town.

Twenty-six years ago next August the first hospital in Timmins, owned by the Hollinger mine, stood at the corner of Spruce street and Fifth avenue with sufficient accommodation for ten patients.

Sister Gregorie, Superior, and Sister Pierre-Leon, of the Providence Order, along with Miss H. Sundough, R.N., arrived in Timmins on August 15, 1912, and a few days later had been installed in charge of the Hollinger hospital.

By 1923 the Hollinger had built a 30-bed hospital at the corner of Fifth avenue and Pine street and it was in this year that the mine manager, A. F. Brigham, and Dr. H. H. Moore, requested the Sisters to move the 12 Hollinger patients in the old hospital into the new institution.

The older hospital was donated to Rev. Father C. E. Theriault, who had been one of the leading figures in the camp in the provision of facilities for hospitalization. The original hospital was then opened as a general hospital, which operated as such until 1927 when the Hollinger donated their new hospital to the Sisters of Providence with the understanding that they would build a fifty-bed addition, which was completed that year, bringing the capa-

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### Beauty and Utility in the Kitchen

Kitchen in New Wing of St. Mary's a Special Feature.

A kitchen that is a delight to work in—that is the kitchen in the new St. Mary's Hospital wing, where it seems there are so many modern conveniences and appliances that there is no work to do at all. Shining metals, and new modern equipment make the kitchen bright and cheerful.

A machine for washing dishes, that will make every housewife jealous when she sees it, and a dumb-waiter are points that immediately attract attention.

A very large coffee percolator, that will certainly send forth tempting aromas, stands in the middle of the kitchen, while an electric stove and refrigerator are waiting for the call of their users.

Across the hall from the kitchen is a modern up-to-date cafeteria, beautifully furnished with tables covered with formica—an attractive form of marble top. Each table will seat four lucky nurses, and there are twelve tables in the cafeteria.

Gay printed Sundour drapes at the windows, and cream curtains at the doors, add to the happy atmosphere, which will certainly make a tasty dinner even more delicious.

A special lunch-room, where nurses may have an "evening snack" before retiring, is built near the Cedar street entrance, directly adjoining the large and spacious living-room. Lunch-room like the kitchen, is supplied with ivory enamel sink and cabinets, and its appearance alone will draw the nurses to "one last bite" after the day's work.

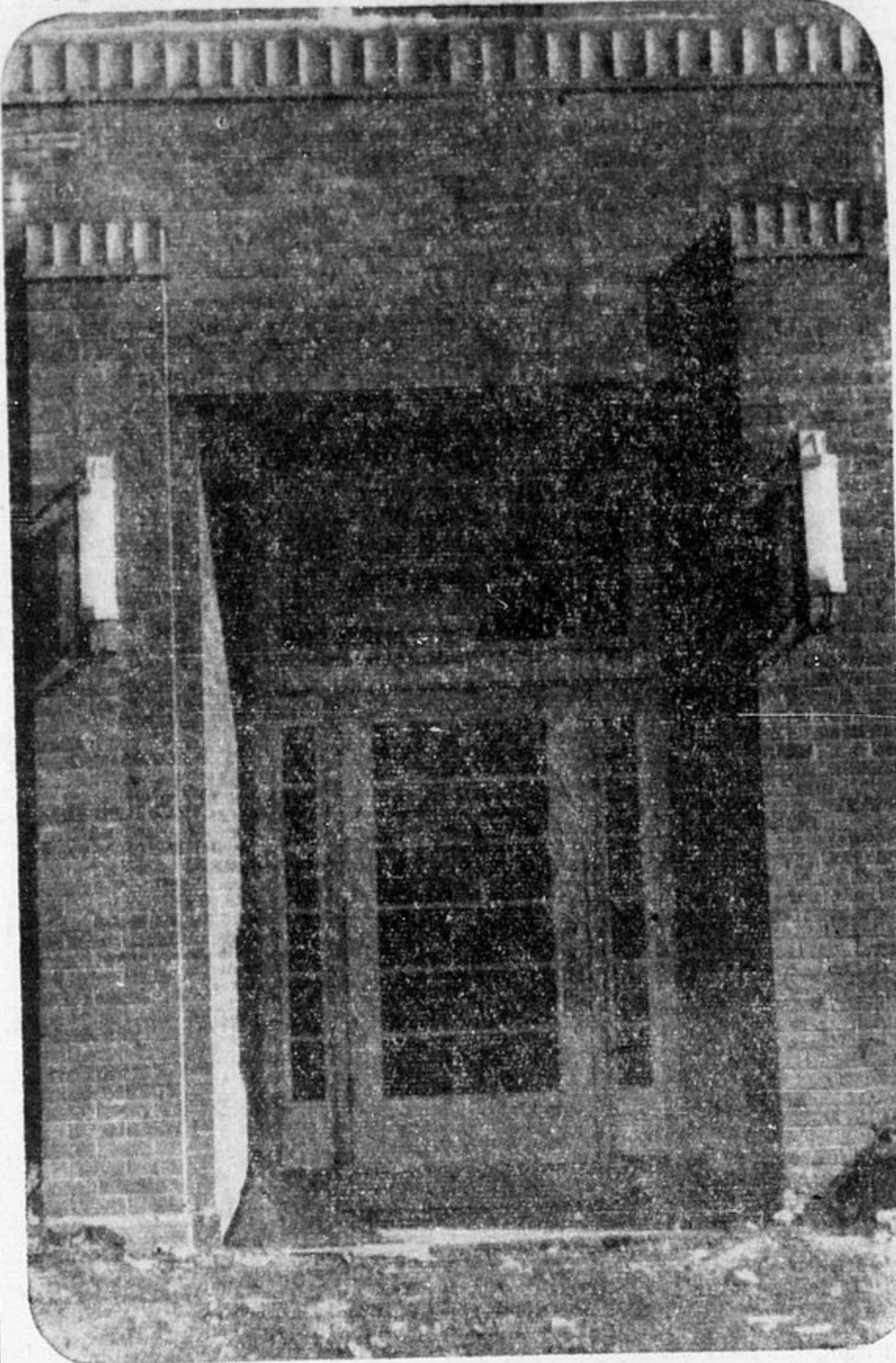
city up to eighty beds. In 1934 a small annex was added to house the surgery, laundry and mechanical department and this year another addition, which was opened Saturday to accommodate a nurses' home, pediatric ward and maternity wing, was completed.

In January of 1929 x-ray equipment was installed and in December of 1931 a portable x-ray outfit was purchased. In the same year a modern elevator was also installed.

Hospital facilities were taxed beyond their capacity in the well-remembered epidemic of influenza from Oct., 1918, to May of 1919 and during that period with only the original hospital available, the staff house at Hollinger mine was turned into a provisional hospital. Of the seventy-two patients taken care of at that time, nineteen died. So great was the demand for hospital treatment that nursing help from Montreal had to be secured by the Sisters of Providence.

St. Mary's hospital is an institution that has grown with the community from the early days until to-day it ranks with the foremost in the province in the point of efficiency and equipment.

CEDAR STREET ENTRANCE TO HOSPITAL



Above is shown the handsome new entrance to the hospital addition just completed. This is the Cedar Street entrance to St. Mary's hospital, and gives access to the nurses' quarters, the pediatric department and the new wards of the hospital.

## Fireproof Construction of New Addition Lauded

Interior Stairways Built in Fire-Proof Towers Considered Superior to Usual Exterior Escapes. Hose-Reel Cabinets and Extinguishers Provided.

A feature of the new hospital addition that is of more than ordinary interest is the fact that the building is completely fireproof, it was pointed out by the architect, D. R. Franklin.

All stairways in the buildings are built in fire-proof fire towers, that have been passed to serve as fire escapes by the Ontario Department of Health, the Provincial Architect and the fire underwriters. These stairways take the place of the customary outside escapes which have been found impractical for use by hospitals. In the event of a fire it has been found much easier to remove patients down a stairway than it is to climb down to safety on an outside escape. It is contended that if a man is sufficiently ill to be in a hospital he is in no condition to be climbing around outside fire escapes that oftentimes try the abilities of a person in full possession of all his strength.

Hose reel cabinets are placed at convenient locations on each floor and in addition fire extinguishers are available only a few feet away in any part of the building.

Automatic fusible-link fire doors lead from all doors from the new into the older part of the building.

## Hospital Has Had Seven Superiors

Sister Marie Liguori Has Been in Charge of Institution Since 1934.

Seven Sisters Superior have administered the affairs of St. Mary's Hospital since its inception in 1912, records of the institution show.

Sister Gregorie, who came to Timmins to inaugurate the first and only hospital in the Porcupine Camp commenced work in 1912 and remained until 1919, when she was succeeded by Sister Marie Gregorie who held office from August to October of that year. Sister Faustinen was in charge from 1919 to 1922 and was followed by Sister Marie Gregorie who directed the hospital from that time until 1928. Sister Robert was the next Superior in charge and remained until 1934, when Sister Godefroy d'Ambiens took over for six weeks prior to the appointment of Sister Marie Liguori, who is the present superintendent.

## New Building And Equipment Last Word In Modern Design

### 74 Nurses Have Graduated

10 Nursing Sisters, 12 Graduates and 28 Students on St. Mary's Staff.

St. Mary's Hospital, in addition to being lavishly equipped has a most capable staff under the supervision of Sister Marie Liguori, Superior who took over the administration of the hospital in 1934.

Of the twenty Sisters of Providence who are stationed in Timmins in connection with the hospital, ten are graduate nurses. In addition, twelve other graduate nurses are on the permanent staff. The training school is comprised of twenty-eight student nurses, with ten more to be admitted at an early date.

Twenty-three maids, three orderlies and six other employees, including the engineer, caretaker, etc., make up the remainder of the regular employees.

The total number of student nurses admitted since 1926 is 137, seventy-four of whom have graduated as nurses.

## Hospital Growth Has Been Rapid

21,948 Patients Have Been Treated Since 1912—Nine a Day Last Year.

A striking indication of the growth of St. Mary's Hospital is the comparative number of patients treated since 1921. In that year a total of 116 had been admitted while in 1925 the total had increased by more than double to 265.

Three years later in 1928, the hospital looked after 928 patients, whose total days' stay were 13,076. In the year just past however, a grand total of 3,113 patients were admitted, with a total days' stay of 28,539.

Actually, last year's figures show that approximately nine patients were admitted to the hospital every day of the year, who stayed on the average of nine days. The total number of patients treated since the hospital opened in 1912 up to and including last year is 21,948.

### One of the Largest and Most Modern Hospitals

With the completion of the new wing of St. Mary's hospital, the institution is now the largest and most modern in Northern Ontario and one of the most extensive and up-to-date in Canada. With the most attractive wards, beautifully furnished and equipped, the hundreds who viewed it on Saturday were impressed with its home-like and pleasing accommodation. In addition to the features that attract the visitor, however, special note should be made of the up-to-the-minute equipment in every department. In a word, it may be described as a decided asset to the Town of Timmins and district.

## Addition to St. Mary's Opened on Saturday Includes Three Floors, Housing Nurses' Home, Pediatric and Maternity Departments. Utility and Simplicity Keypnote of Entire Building.

With the completion of the new addition to St. Mary's Hospital, including a nurses' home, pediatric department and maternity wing, which was formally opened on Saturday, the town of Timmins has one of the finest institutions of its kind of any town its size in Ontario.

The new wing, the main entrance of which faces on Cedar street, is imposing yet simple in its general design. Utility is the keynote of the entire building but the interior layout from an artistic standpoint, is all that could be desired. The general colour scheme is cream, with brown trim. Floors throughout are of modernistic terrazzo construction on a concrete base. The entire building is fireproof throughout, the only inflammable materials used being the wood trim around doors and windows.

The three floors contain the last word in hospital equipment and no expense has been spared to make the new departments the last word in efficiency. Sanitary appliances are more than adequate and of the most modern type.

Off the lobby on the first floor is located the office of the superintendent of nurses on one side and a reception room on the other. A large auditorium, which is also to be used as a classroom, which is equipped with a stage with disappearing footlights, will be used for demonstration purposes. Immediately adjacent to the classroom is a students' laboratory, library and instructors' room.

An attractive artificial fireplace is only one of the many comfortable appointments of a large living room, which is twenty by thirty-six feet in size. Off this room is a kitchenette, which will be used for the preparation of refreshments required for the entertainment of guests.

A large and commodious cafeteria, completely electric in design, including a dishwasher, electric stove and re-

frigerator and numerous other appliances, is constructed in the latest design of monel metal. A nurses' dining room is immediately opposite the cafeteria on the west side of the building.

The first floor also contains a small hand laundry, accessory room, utility rooms, wash rooms and a large room for trunk storage.

The section of the second and third floors devoted to house the nurses' home, contains eighteen single and double rooms on each floor. Bath rooms, showers, wash rooms, linen room and a utility room are also included.

The pediatric department is located on the second floor and consists of three multiple-bed wards, accommodating twelve children. Two private wards have also been established. Food will be prepared in a special diet kitchen. A nurses' station will have a connecting corridor to the older portion of the building and the utility room, bath rooms, etc., will be similar to those in other parts of the addition.

The maternity wing is located on the third floor above the pediatric department and includes delivery, sterilizing and labour rooms, one private and two semi-private wards. The nursery, which will have ample accommodation for future needs, is located at the north end of the floor and is equipped with an observation window, so that visitors may see the children without actually coming in contact with them and exposing the infants to unnecessary chances of germ infection. The babies' bath facilities and supply cupboards are combined in one room immediately off the nursery.

An inside stairway leads to the roof of the building which will be available for use as a promenade for the nurses.

The first sod for the new building was turned last July and, with the exception of a few minor details, the addition was complete on March 15.

## Nursery at St. Mary's Bright and Attractive

Beautifully Furnished by the Timmins Golden Chapter, I.O.D.E. Bassinets Decorated in Blue or Pink, with Background of Ivory. Baby's Name on Each Bassinette

What lucky babies they are going to be who will occupy the nursery in the new wing of St. Mary's hospital. Resting in the sunny room, these babies will not know that much time and effort have been spent to provide them with every comfort. Not only have the builders worked hard to make the nursery "as good as home" and better, but the I.O.D.E. has kindly furnished the room, while Sisters at the hospital have spent their extra time in preparing lovely covers and linens for the bassinets.

Each bassinette is decorated in blue or pink, with a background of ivory—for the son, and for the daughter. At the head of the bassinette is a blue or pink card, which carries the name of the boy or girl, and at same time tells the visitor that the lucky occupant is—

perhaps a boy, perhaps a girl. Covering the little mite, is a pure ivory linen sheet, with the word "Baby" embroidered on it in either pink or blue. That is a compliment from the Sisters of the hospital. And throughout the nursery there is a bright and cheery feeling, as sunlight comes dancing through the large windows, across the room, and rests on the contented face of a pretty baby.

### COCHRANE COUNCIL ASKS INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES

Cochrane town council last week asked the Ontario Dept. of Health to investigate charges that Dr. J. A. R. Barton, medical health officer for the town, had been derelict in the performance of his duties.

## Handsome Living-room in New Hospital Wing

Elegantly Furnished and Equipped. Fireplace Donated by Brother of Sister Fidelis, who Sent Money from Ireland to Add This Touch to the Home-like Furnishings.

### 44 Doctors Using Timmins Hospital

Complete Staff of Specialists Available at St. Mary's at All Times.

Statistics supplied by the Superintendent, Sister Marie Liguori, at St. Mary's Hospital, show that a total of forty-four doctors in Timmins are using the facilities of the institution in the treatment of patients.

Specialists in almost every branch of medical science are immediately available at all times. Those listed by the hospital are as follows—Dr. N. H. Russell, radiologist; Dr. W. G. Watt, children; Dr. J. A. Kinnear, obstetrical; Dr. T. P. Rutherford, eye, ear, nose and throat; Dr. C. E. Chisholm, Toronto, urologist; Dr. E. L. Roberts, eye, ear, nose and throat; Dr. H. S. Dawson, Conlaun doctor; John Graves, technician.

The beautiful living-room of the new addition to St. Mary's hospital is a point that the whole town may well be proud of. It is tastefully furnished with a living-room suite and harmonizing occasional chairs. And it boasts a finishing touch that is just made to order—a fire-place that gives the atmosphere of "home." This fire-place has been donated by a brother of Sister Marie Fidelis, this brother having written from Ireland to supply the expense money. A lovely gift from far-away. And, believe-it-or-not early in the week, a canary had already been moved to the living-room of the new wing, and to prove that it is home to him, he is chirping and singing to the whole world.

Adjoining the Cedar street entrance is a tiny parlour, which also has that "comfy" touch that is so marked all the way throughout the new wing. There are a few little tables, and odd occasional chairs, and long beautiful drapes at the windows. Separating the parlour from the entrance hall, are heavy velvet drapes in a burnt sugar shade. This parlour is for the use of visitors to the hospital.

VIEW OF THE NEW ADDITION TO HOSPITAL



The above photo shows practically all the Cedar Street front of the new addition to St. Mary's hospital. This new wing of the Hospital was formally opened on Saturday, and elsewhere in this issue will be found a full report of the opening ceremonies, as well as a description of the new addition and its various features, together with incidental references to the history of the St. Mary's hospital and its progress.