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## Hospital at the Penitentiary Has Undergone Improvements

### A Whig Representative Finds It Bright and Clean—The Equipment Very Satisfactory—Dr. W. G. Anglin Is Doing Good Work.

Since the appointment of Warden Ponsford and Dr. W. G. Anglin to the staff of Portsmouth penitentiary many improvements have been effected. It was in the late spring that they took office and they state that before any publicity had been directed to the conditions alleged to exist in the institution they began to plan new devices for the comfort and welfare of the men incarcerated.

On Monday a representative of the Whig visited the institution and requested permission to inspect the hospital in view of the deplorable conditions, alleged to exist in that department. The request was immediately granted by Warden Ponsford, and in company with Dr. Anglin the representative was shown every nook and cranny of the building. He had an opportunity to converse with convicts confined to hospital and noted the ordinary administration in effect.

While it is possible that conditions some time ago were not of the best, it can be stated that the hospital is now being better managed. The hospital, concerning which there has been so much controversy and dispute of late, is situated in the southeast side of the grounds and is exposed to the atmosphere on four sides with light streaming in at all the windows. The building was constructed over half a century ago when modern ideas of hospital conveniences and improvements were unknown.

Instead of being a smelly, dirty building, it is completely free from foul odors and by a double system of ventilation each room and the corridors are bright and airy. The front entrance leads into a large hall where a convict clerk makes records of all men confined in the institution. The dressing room contains necessary equipment for the treatment of minor cases including electric sterilizers, sanitary basins, dressings and so forth. All the treatment rooms in the hospital are in spotless white and the walls and floors were shining. In several parts of the hospital convicts were engaged in cleaning the floors.

In the dispensary, which is in charge of A. D. MacConnell, formerly a captain in No. 1 Field Ambulance overseas, and A. N. Raven, who has had long experience as a dispenser, can be seen a complete assortment of necessary drugs. It is in this room that any convicts who are ill may apply for treatment and the representative of the Whig was present, unknown to the convicts, while they were examined by the doctor who visits the hospital twice a day. Preparations for the treatment of their ailments are expeditiously made by the attendants and no convict is permitted to leave without careful attention being given to his case. It appeared also that the most cleanly methods of treatment were utilized. Individual tongue depressors, sputum cups and other appliances necessary for the examination of the prisoners are used and quantities sufficient for several years' use are on hand at the institution.

**Secures Everything Needed.**  
The representative of the Whig was shown the quantities of drugs on hand. Dr. Anglin stated that since he had taken charge of the hospital he had had no difficulty in securing anything and everything he needed for his work. The government had purchased large supplies of surplus medical material brought back from the war and at the present time all drugs and medicines necessary for the treatment of the prisoners are provided.

Behind a barred door, which leads into a middle corridor eight feet wide, is the casualty ward where minor cases are treated. On each side of this corridor are rows of cells where hospital patients are confined. There are twenty-four cells on this floor and each one is lighted from the windows that are about four feet from the open bar doors, of the individual cells. Were the hospital to be constructed today, it is probable that instead of having a middle corridor with two outside corridors and the cells between these corridors, the rooms would be placed next to the windows. However, there is little cause for complaint in the matter of light and air as fresh air circulates around the halls and into the cells with perfect freedom and the double

ventilating system keeps the atmosphere pure at all times. The lighting, too, appears to be sufficient and a number of the convicts were reading in bed when the representative of the Whig passed through.

Each cell is supplied with a cot and fresh sheets and blankets when the latter are necessary. There is also a small stand and table in the rooms. Several of the convicts who were convalescing were walking in the corridor—a freedom which is greatly enjoyed.

On the second floor there is another ward laid out on the same general principles as the first floor except that the cells are twice as large. On this floor patients confined on account of more serious illnesses are treated and their rooms are bright and airy. Individual electric lights are provided in every room, and diet and temperature records can be read at the door of each of the cells. The case records are retained by Capt. McConnell in his office as there might be a tendency on the part of the convicts to ascertain the nature of their comrades' illnesses or ailments.

**Convicts Questioned.**  
Out of any attendant's hearing, the representative of the Whig was able to question the men concerning their treatment and they appeared to be satisfied that everything was being done for them that was possible. The diets ordered by the doctor are provided on separate trays from the penitentiary kitchen, and individual bed trays are also supplied to sick patients.

No claim is made by Dr. Anglin that the hospital is the equal of any hospital, because the conditions and limitations that obtain in a penitentiary are not to be found in other institutions. For instance, it is not possible or desirable to place beds side by side as in the ward of a city hospital because of the possibility of escape. The custody of the prisoners is the first consideration and it must be remembered that the unfortunates are incarcerated by orders of judges who are appointed because they can mete out justice tempered with such mercy as may be advisable. Crimes against law and order cannot be punished in the equal of any hospital, and while the convicts are in the institution it is the duty of the warden and the officers of the penitentiary to take all precautions lest the men attempt to escape. As it was, the representative of the Whig saw where two bars had been sawed through by a patient on the second floor some time ago in an attempt to escape. The whole ambition of many of those incarcerated seems to be to leave the institution as soon as possible by fair means or foul, and it is not possible to rely too much upon their honor as it is evidenced by the escape of two "trusties" on Saturday.

Such being the case, cells have to be provided. The cells are neat and clean and well ventilated and lighted. The bedding is all that could be desired and the equipment in the rooms is very suitable. On Monday some of the cells were being repainted and screens are being brought for the windows. The lavatories, while quite sanitary and modern, were being refitted with tile and painted white.

**Operating Facilities.**  
The operating room is a bright sunny room in the southeast corner of the building. Through the windows on two sides of the room the sun was shining, and was reflected on the pure white walls. The operating room appeared to be well equipped with instruments and tables. Electric and alcohol sterilizers are provided, as well as many glass top tables which can be readily cleaned. All of the equipment is of metal and enamelled white. Operating cases, Q's, basins and other necessary equipment are provided and in a white cabinet on the wall are kept the instruments and dressings necessary for operations. In the centre of the room is a modern Arnold operating table and, in addition, in the dispensary there is a smaller table where patients may be examined. No complaint was heard from convicts that they were neglected, and it was stated that disciplinary officers make the rounds of the wards every hour from six o'clock until nine o'clock in the evening and every fifteen minutes thereafter.

## TWICE TOLD TALES

### News of Kingston

**TEN YEARS AGO.**  
Retailers defeated. Printers in a baseball game by ten runs to two. Fred. Crozier held down third base in fine style for the Printers.

A petition is going the rounds asking the city council to provide a public bathing house. Mayor Couper says that he is in sympathy with the idea.

James Reid has found extensive deposits of mica on his property near Harrowsmith, and is proceeding to investigate at once.

The Nonpareil Club, of Cleveland, Ohio, have just finished a fishing and camping outing at Battersea. They had their own band and entertained the people of the village many evenings.

The grocers of the city are holding a large picnic at the Fair Grounds tomorrow. The Retailers and Wholesalers are billed to play ball.

Capt. H. Swaine and Lieut. W. E. Swaine left for Ottawa to make arrangements for the Dominion Rifle Association at Rockcliffe.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.**  
Two Kingston bowling rinks, skippered by Dr. Watson and E. G. Watson, have returned from Belleville after defeating Belleville rinks in a friendly tournament.

The steamer Alert ran aground near Thousand Island Park but was released without much trouble or damage to the hull.

Much discussion is caused this year by the low water and its cause. The water is three feet below high water mark and a foot lower than last year.

Rev. Dr. Wilson preached in St. John's Church, Portsmouth, last Sunday evening.

The fourteenth band will give a concert tomorrow night on the lawn of Maitland House, foot of Maitland street.

In the absence of Ald. Drennan, W. C. Martin is acting as secretary of the horse races. There are faster horses at the races this year than have been seen in Kingston in some years.

D. McCorky saved a man from drowning in the harbor yesterday, when the stranger's boat upset.

There are three religious meetings in the City Park on Sunday afternoon.

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**CHARGED WITH PERJURY**  
LUTHER CROWDER, PLEADED "NOT GUILTY"

Mother Gives Evidence to Show That Her Daughter is But Fifteen Years of Age—Hearing Enlarged for a Day.  
The trial of Luther Edward Crowder, on the charge of perjury, in having shown that his bride, Mabel Davis, was over eighteen years of age, when securing a marriage license on July 24th, was commenced before Judge Lavell, on Monday afternoon.

The evidence of one witness, the girl's mother, was taken, and the case was then enlarged until Tuesday afternoon. Crowder pleaded "not guilty" and was defended by T. J. Rixney.

It will be recalled that Crowder was placed under arrest the day following his marriage to Miss Davis. The ceremony was performed at the Queen street Methodist church parsonage, Rev. Mr. Lennan, officiating. The marriage took place on July 27th.

The mother of the girl swore that she was fifteen years of age, on May 10th last. The mother also produced a card, showing the age of her daughter, which she stated hung on the wall in her home, and declared that she had seen Crowder look at it.

Mrs. Davis stated that after the ceremony, she had declared that she would put forth an effort to have the marriage annulled. Crowder had boarded at her place from Feb. 27th, up till the time of the marriage.

The girl-bride, who is employed at the cotton mill, was present in court and will be called to give evidence when the case is resumed on Tuesday afternoon.

J. L. Whiting appeared on behalf of the prosecution.

**BLACKSMITH NOW PRINCIPAL.**  
Becomes Head of Stanstead Wesleyan College.  
Blacksmiths are coming to the fore in the Canadian Methodist ministry.

Rev. John E. Griffith, former captain of the Victoria University Rugby team, and a blacksmith by trade, but a minister by profession, has been appointed principal of the Stanstead, Que. College.

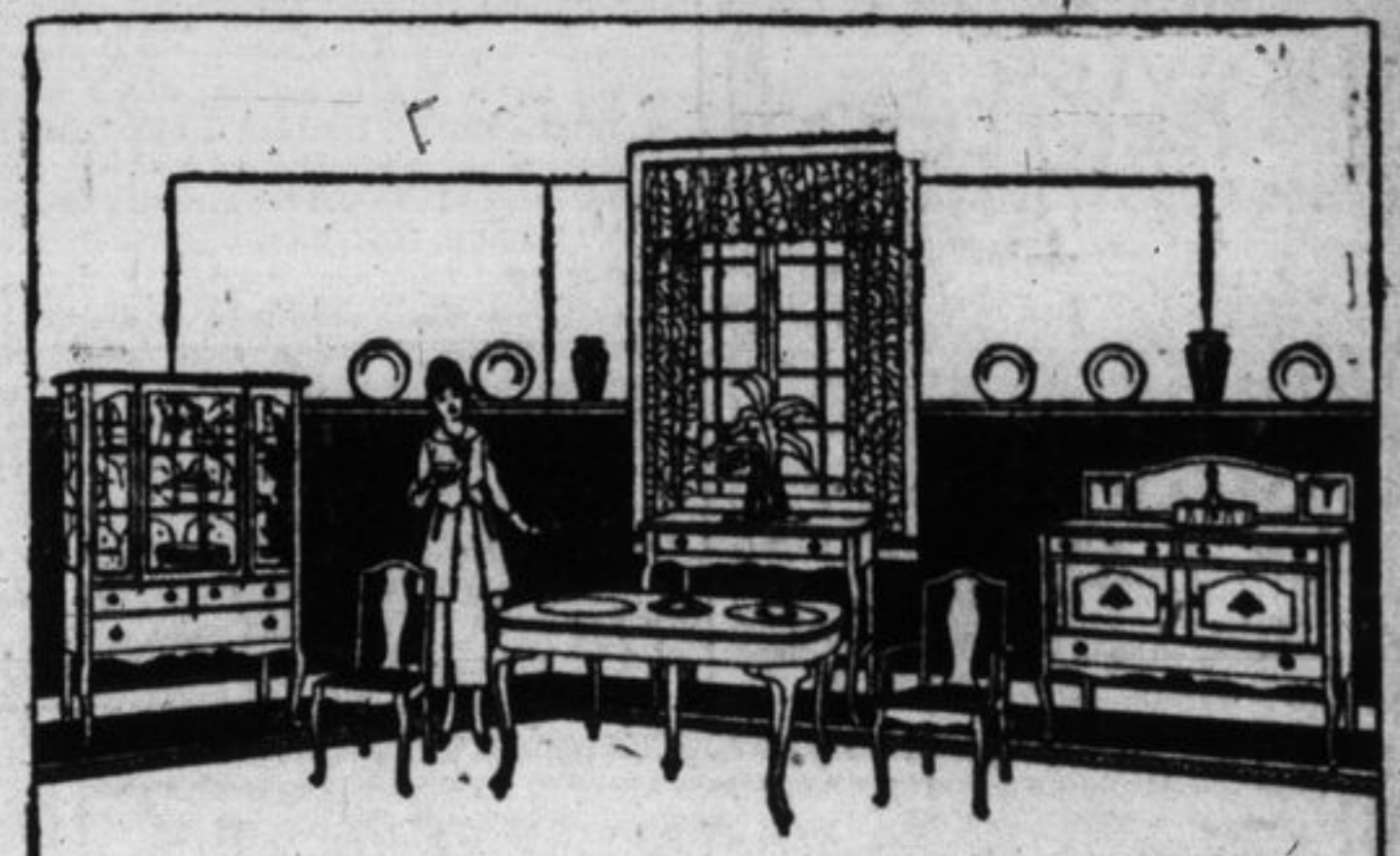
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