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ANNUAL MEETING OF HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Dean J. C. Connell and the Other Officers Were All Re-Elected.

At the annual meeting of the Kingston Health Association, held in the Board of Trade room on Wednesday afternoon, Dr. J. C. Connell was re-elected president of that body for the ensuing year. The other officers were also re-elected.

Dr. Connell, when rising to speak, with reference to the activities of the year, said that things were very satisfactory at the hospital, and he wished to thank the members for the support they had given them, and especially Mr. J. M. Campbell for the manner in which he had got behind the work and thus helped things along. He moved that Mr. Campbell be president for the ensuing year. Mr. Campbell wished Dr. Connell would carry on as he was certain the position should be held by a medical man; he would only be too willing to assist as he had in the past. Mr. Campbell then moved that Dr. Connell be the president and all the other officers and executive be re-elected. When the motion was put, it unanimously carried. Dr. Connell thanked the members for the confidence they had placed in him, but stated that he thought he should not continue in that office, as he had too many duties at present, and could not give it the time it should have. The members assured him of their hearty support, and he accepted the position, much to the gratification of all. The other officers are: Vice-president, J. M. Campbell. Secretary, Dr. Bruce Hopkins. Treasurer, Philip Du Moulin. Auditor, R. Easton Burns. Solicitor, J. M. Farrell. Executive committee, consists of the officers, Dr. W. T. Connell, Dr. Edward Ryan and J. G. Elliott.

Superintendent's Report. Dr. Bruce Hopkins, superintendent of Mowat Sanatorium, gave a short report and said in part: "On August 1st, 1924, we had 97 D.S.C.R. patients and 4 civilians on our nominal roll. During the month of August, we admitted 14 D.S.C.R. patients and 5 civilians. During the same time we discharged 6 ex-soldier patients and 3 civilians. During the month of September, 10 ex-soldiers and 6 civilians were admitted, and 14 ex-soldiers and 3 civilians were discharged. To summarize our first two months of operation. We commenced with 101 patients, admitted 35 and discharged 26, leaving us with 110 patients, Oct. 1st. It is interesting to note that the civilian patients increased by 7. The highest number of civilians taken care of in Mowat during the D.S.C.R. régime, was 4.

"If one analyzes the discharged cases, we find the following: Twenty-six patients were discharged. On admission they were classified as follows: Incipient, 3; moderately advanced, 4; far advanced, 7; suspect, 1; bronchiectasis, 3; lupus and genito-urinary tuberculosis, 1; progressive muscular atrophy, 1; bronchitis, 1. On discharge the definite tuberculosis cases were classified: Quiescent, 4; improved, 1; apparently arrested, 7; progressive, 2. Of the non-tuberculous cases the suspect was proved non-tuberculous, of the three bronchiectasis cases, one died and two were discharged improved. The case of lupus and genito-urinary tuberculosis was discharged improved. The case of progressive muscular atrophy died, and the case of bronchitis was discharged improved.

Recommendations. "The condition of the sanatorium at the present time, may be considered quite satisfactory. There are, however, several recommendations which I wish to place before the Board, for their serious consideration. "First, our X-ray plant, which at present is being operated from our own generator in the power house, is not at all satisfactory. The generator is worn out and will not develop sufficient current to operate Coolidge tubes, or to allow of X-ray treatments being given. To overcome this, it is recommended that the generator be disposed of, and out-plant be switched from D.C. to A.C. current. The switch-over will probably cost in the neighborhood of \$500.

"Secondly, our ultimate object is to replace all D.S.C.R. patients by civilian patients. Most civilian patients, whether well-to-do or otherwise, desire private accommodation at the sanatorium in very limited, and at present, no extra charge is made for it. Conditions are such that it would be a fairly simple matter to remodel certain parts of the institution, so that many more private rooms would be rendered available. It is, therefore, recommended that these alterations be made and that private accommodation be charged for at the rate of \$5 per day, semi-private \$4, and ordinary accommodation \$2, as at present. No difference would be made in the actual treatment given or the medical services rendered in these various departments.

"The old idea of about sanatoria was to strip them of all furnishings, with the hope of making the institution more sanitary. As a result, most sanatoria are colorless places, devoid of many comforts and stripped bare of any, and all things which would tend to make them homelike and pleasant places to live in. This, I consider absolutely wrong, and also a detriment to the patients. The unfortunate individuals

al suffering from tuberculosis needs all the encouragement he can get. Any little comforts it is possible to give him are greatly appreciated and the more homelike and congenial the sanatorium can be made, the more happy and contented is the patient. His surroundings react favorably or unfavorably on him, according to the condition of those surroundings. I am a strong believer in making the sanatorium as homelike as is possible, providing it does not impair the efficiency of the institution. I would, therefore, like to recommend that authority be granted to secure pictures, curtains, etc., in an endeavor to brighten up some of the dark spots that at present exist in our own institution.

Nursing Changes. "One of the most important changes in the re-organization of our staff has been the nursing service established with Hotel Dieu and General Hospital. Prior to the turn-over, we had a nursing staff consisting of a matron and eight graduate nurses. Four graduate nurses have been discharged, and in their places we have two under-graduate nurses from each hospital. It is hoped to be able to discharge another graduate nurse and replace her by two under-graduate nurses from Rockwood hospital. These under-graduates stay with us one to two months and so are given an opportunity to learn something about sanatorium nursing and the care of tuberculous patients. The change is expected to improve, not only our own nursing service, but also the standard of the nurses graduating from the various hospitals.

"In order to allow the public and the profession to become better acquainted with the sanatorium, an active publicity campaign is recommended. This, I think, should be undertaken both through the press and by circular letter.

"In closing, I wish to thank the Board and especially Dr. Connell and Mr. Campbell, for their untiring efforts on our behalf. Without the services of our present Board, it would have been quite impossible to take over Mowat. With them we are making the sanatorium a successful, and I sincerely trust, a permanent institution." The report of the superintendent will be dealt with by the executive committee. The following were present at the meeting: Dr. J. C. Connell, H. C. Nickle, J. G. Elliott, L. A. Gold, James Halliday, T. A. Kidd, Dr. W. W. Gibson, Miss E. Hunter, William Anderson, J. M. Farrell, A. H. Fair, Hugh McBratney, J. M. Campbell and Dr. Bruce Hopkins. The association in regular session considered various internal matters. The year's coal is stored, the new drain is being rapidly constructed, the heating and water supply have been separated, new electric pumps will be installed and this will give both heat and water to all parts of the grounds. Later the nurses' residence will be supplied with heat from the main. The revenues of the institution are adequate to meet the expenditures, but it was felt that the association must watch the costs of indigent patients and see that the municipalities from which they come meet the obligations imposed under the statutes.

LETTERS To The Editor

His Experience in Quebec. Stanstead, Que., Oct. 14.—(To the Editor): My old home was in Ontario. I lived and labored there for a good number of years, so naturally I would be interested in her welfare. For sixteen years I have followed my profession in Quebec province, in the beautiful eastern township of Stanstead. I have watched the liquor interests at work here during that time. Under the Canada Temperance Act, I am told that local option was secured by over ninety per cent. of the municipality

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