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HOSPITAL HAD A GOOD YEAR

Income Was Cut Down but Accounts Show no Bank Overdraft

MANY IMPROVEMENTS

Erection of Home for Nurses Was Outstanding Event of Report

At the annual general meeting of the members of the Prince Rupert Hospital Association held last night in the city hall, President D. G. Stewart, presiding, reports were submitted showing the financial condition of the institution excellent and telling of improvements made such as the erection of the new home for nurses, the installation of X-Ray and sterilizing instruments and the re-wiring of the building.

Mr. Stewart said he was gratified at the response to the drive that had been made for funds and he gave credit to those who had worked to put it over. At no time had the institution been better managed than at the present and the financial condition was excellent.

House Committee

S. K. Campbell, chairman of the House committee, said they had had trying experiences in administration. They were unfortunate in losing the services of Miss Black, the former matron and her presence had been missed. She was exceptionally loyal and popular among the nurses, the patients, the public and the doctors. He was glad to know that she had recovered from her illness and was now engaged in her profession in the east. The position had been filled temporarily by Miss Donaldson who had carried out the duties faithfully and well. Mr. Campbell spoke appreciatively of the work of the present lady superintendent, Miss McCall.

Mr. Campbell then enlarged upon the advantages to the institution and the city from the building of the new nurses' home, the installation of the Coolidge tube for the X-Ray machine and the necessity of re-wiring the building as the old wiring had become a danger. The new sterilizing plant was to be completed in about ten days or two weeks and also improvements were being made to the laboratory. While the revenues of the hospital had been reduced all round they had been able to carry out necessary work. He particularly commended the work of Secretary Harry Birch who had looked after the interests of the hospital well. The celebration of hospital day was mentioned. There was need at the present time of linen and china. The auxiliary had thrown most of its effort into the new nurses' home. He thought there was room for a further organization of girls who might band themselves together into a hospital aid society for the purpose of looking after the linen.

Directors Report

The directors report for the year was read by the secretary. It showed that the total number of patients admitted during the year had been 731 who with 35 there at the beginning of the year had made a total of 766. Of these 427 were males and 339 females. There had been 34 deaths, 28 males and 6 females. The percentage of deaths of those treated had been 4.4.

The cost of maintenance for each occupied bed had been \$3.66 per day.

The board expressed its thanks to the ladies auxiliary, the L.O.D.E., the ladies of the Royal Purple, and the Elks for their valuable assistance during the year and to others for do-

nations and equipment to the hospital. Also to those who assisted in the campaign for the new home, to the city for an additional grant and to the nursing staff and members of the medical association for their valuable co-operation.

The financial statement shows expenditures as follows:

Expenditures	
Advertising and stationery	\$ 281.62
Ambulance hire and upkeep	98.50
Auditor	150.00
B.C. Hospital Assoc'n	20.00
Legal Expenses	316.83
General Expenses	336.24
Fuel	3,053.51
Grad. of Nurses	50.00
Insurance	652.71
Interest and Disc.	120.41
Meat and Fish	2,856.34
Groceries	5,550.74
Bread	611.23
Milk	1,868.97
Ice	239.00
Laundry	2,311.05
Light and Power	1,632.91
Maintenance	1,730.89
Nurses' Uniforms	124.38
Nurses' Books and Pins	52.40
Nurses' Home Maintenance	597.66
Nurses' Home light, fuel and phone	386.82
Sewer repairs	15.75
Surgical supplies	5,260.72
Salaries	20,409.91
Travelling expenses	12.05
Accounts written off	12,007.30
Transfer to surplus	3,857.46

Revenue

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Revenue was derived as follows:	
Fees (charged)	37,420.35
Accounts recovered	5,408.90
B.C. Govt. per capita	7,420.05
Liquor profits	3,500.50
City of P.R. per capita	7,879.20
City of P.R. special	2,500.00
Donations	222.35
X-Ray Operations	204.05
Garbage Collection	25.00
Membership fees	25.00

Collecting Fees

In discussing the financial report D. G. McRae, chairman of the finance committee said the matter of financing was one of the most important the directors had to deal with. He would like to see everyone assessed for hospital purposes instead of making those pay who used the institution. The amount received this year from fees had decreased because there were fewer patients in the hospital. The liquor profit allowance had also decreased and the city grant was reduced. The year 1924 started without any bank debt. Everything possible was done to collect the fees, which was the only course to adopt as long as the present system continued.

S. K. Campbell pointed out that while over twelve thousand dollars had been written off as not collectable, this was the result of treating indigent patients and of losses under the workmen's compensation board.

Woman's Auxiliary

The report of the woman's auxiliary showed that nine regular meetings were held during the year with an average attendance of eight members. The sum of \$938.78 was raised. Donations were acknowledged from Trades and Labor Council \$171.24 from Labor Day celebration; from hospital board for graduation exercises \$50; a friend \$5, and the balance was made up from raffles, home cooking sales, teas, tag day and the annual ball.

Supplies to the hospital were provided as follows: 21 sheets, 18 draw sheets, 33 pillow cases, 9 nightshirts, 10 dressing gowns, \$25 to the public ward for Christmas cheer, three dozen rose baskets for patients' trays, one floor rug, one down comforter, two window curtains.

To the nurses home there are being provided window curtains and draperies, double curtain rods for all windows, 9 small rugs for bedrooms, library table and chair for matron's sitting room.

Superintendent's Report

The report of the superintendent showed 98 births, 34 deaths and 278 operations. The present staff consists of matron, one operating room supervisor, two head nurses, three night nurses, five pupil nurses in their third year and five in their first year. Three nurses graduated during the past year and six probationers were admitted, one of them had to be rejected owing to ill health. Many applications for admission to the training school had to be rejected owing to lack of preliminary education. Three probationers were entering for the February term and it was

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LOST MAN WAS WORTH MILLION DOLLARS ONCE

George Johanson Struck it Rich in Both Dawson and Nome Then Blown to Sea and Lost

KETCHIKAN, Jan. 30.—George Johanson, a sailor who was aboard the power boat Viking when she was blown to sea a month ago, and lost, in the vicinity of Shelikof Strait, at one time was worth a million dollars which he took out of mining claims in Alaska.

Like hundreds of others who struck it rich in Dawson and Nome during the gold rush days, however, Johanson went broke. Once a friend asked him what he had done with his fortune. He replied: "Wine, women and song, and I couldn't sing a note." After his money was gone, Johanson went to sea and was a cook on the Viking when she was torn from her moorings during a storm and carried out on the Pacific.

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