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### WHAT THE COUNTRY DISTRICTS NEED.

Much could be done to promote rural progress, if the newspapers published in the larger cities would give more attention to rural problems. They print more or less stuff on this matter, but frequently it is written by men who have lived all their lives in the city. It is easy for editorial sharps who never handled a hoe to tell the farmers what to do. They would find it a different proposition to take hold and do these things.

The big city newspapers devote columns to discussion of the financial and business situation, but not many of them discuss the problems of rural business in the same thorough way.

What is needed is to impress on city people that agriculture is just as vitally important as manufacturing transportation. When laws are framed affecting business, they should give as much attention to the way they are going to effect rural life as to their relation to the populations and the industries of the cities.

The idea must be impressed on the city people, that if they expect to get food at a reasonable price, they must contribute very considerably to improve the country roads and to maintain good schools.

If the country roads are mudholes or sand heaps, the food brought to the markets will cost high. And if the schools are poor in the country, it will be very difficult to induce people to live there, and the schools will not be able to train the young folks as they should to become efficient in food raising and other rural industries. The wealth of the country is largely in the cities and large towns. They ought to contribute according to their means to keep up the facilities through which country life becomes efficient.

### ROD AND GUN FOR JUNE

The June issue of "Rod and Gun in Canada" takes the form of a special Ontario Tourist number which includes the attractive features of a personal message to tourists from the Hon. G. F. Fowle, Premier of Ontario, and a special section setting forth the attractions of Ontario to the tourist.

The month's articles are specially selected to be appropriate to the number and provide a wealth of interesting and seasonable reading for all field sportsmen. Dick the Bummer is a story of canoe travel in Northern Ontario. Dependable Fennell of small mouth bass. The regular feature stories are of their usual high quality and include Caravaning, Photography and Trout on Nova Scotia's Bawling Rivers by Bonycastle Dale, The Young Mail Carriers by Martin Hunter. In the department, W. C. Motley's Outdoor Talk is full of new wrinkles for the outdoor man. Angling, Talk and Speculation is the theme for this month's Fishing Notes by Robert Paul Lincoln, and deals among other things with steel rods and casting. Guns and Ammunition, The Trap and The Kennel are also of great interest to their devotees and the sportsman.

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### IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Andrew Rodgers, who departed this life at his home in Jarvis, Ont., 1924. Silent his eyes closed his chair; Sweet are the memories that linger there. We miss him and turn him in silence to the memory of days that have been. Only a memory as the journey on, Looking for a smile and a face that is gone. None knew the depth of our regret, But we will remember and not forget.

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## Norfolk General Hospital Opening

The Norfolk General Hospital is an established and going concern. It was formally opened Wednesday afternoon by His Honour Lieutenant-Governor Colonel Harry Cockburn, with a key presented by Mr. Harry Brook on behalf of the hospital board, in the presence of about 1000 people from Norfolk and adjoining counties. The weather was ideal and the big audience, which stood while His Honour addressed them from the front entrance, was subsequently admitted to make a personal inspection of the entire building and equipment.

His Honour, with characteristic brevity offered hearty congratulations for the unique achievement of the people of Simcoe and Norfolk counties. He was called to many public gatherings, but seldom to one such as this—where the entire county was interested. The work brought to conclusion would bring peace and comfort to a great many. The hospital was a necessity. In this great province there were still large areas, especially in the northlands where the comforts of life were not provided as here and for local conditions the community had much for which to be sincerely thankful and self-congratulatory.

In matters educational, social service and religion and in our splendid hospitals and training institutions for medical science and nursing, we had much for which to be thankful. Nurses were wonderful women and they do not betray their trust. They were a ten balance wheel between members of a family, and they smoothed out many furrows of life.

God devoutly for this Ontario of ours and its hospitals and its nurses," he declared. Then, speaking over the big crowd to the rim of public school pupils, he continued: "The fathers and mothers of to-day, your parents, have built this fine hospital, in a few years you will be grown up and it will be your duty to carry on this good work. You must take up the mantle which your parents will leave to you. In time to come the duty will be yours. I have conferred with the chairman of the school board and that duty may be the better impressed upon you, I have asked that you be given a holiday to help you remember." The applause which followed gave evidence that the rim of the big crowd was ready to make amends for the Simcoe silence which greeted the Governor's party and officials as they came out for the ceremony.

The preliminaries of the program began with the singing of "All people that on earth do dwell." W. L. Innes, chairman of the hospital board, read an address covering the entire history of the enterprise and Rev. H. C. Newcombe read his scriptures from Matthew xxv, 31-40, the story of the Last Judgment, and followed with an appropriate invocation.

Mr. Innes' Address  
Friends! Friends of Norfolk's own hospital, to your honor it can be said you are all good loyal friends of our hospital. You have undertaken a grand and good work and thus far everyone of you has done your best. To you, may I say that I feel very happy, very thankful and very proud to-day as I am sure you all feel. Happy because of the completion of this splendid building, thankful because of the splendid purpose for which it has been erected and for which the organization behind it stands. Proud because his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, the King's own representative, has kindly consented to come here to-day and officially open our hospital and start it off on its splendid work of healing and mercy.

At such a time as this our thoughts naturally run back over the years to the inception of the movement.

The First Donation  
The honor for having given the first donation to the hospital as well as one of the largest, belongs to the late James Allgeer. It appears that in arranging his temporal affairs, Mr. Allgeer consulted a solicitor and he advised as to what was the most worthy object he could leave his money to. His solicitor advised him to leave it for hospital purposes.

Mr. Allgeer accepted the good advice of his solicitor and left the residue of his estate for hospital purposes. As a result of this, in the year 1920, the sum of \$11,236 was handed over to the town of Simcoe for hospital purposes. This was the beginning of "our hospital."

W. P. Innes Estate Next  
My father, the late Wm. P. Innes, died in the year 1918 and left certain moneys for charitable and benevolent purposes. The particular purpose for which the money was to be used was left to be decided by the executor, my three brothers and myself. My brother, Hugh P. Innes, who was also the solicitor for the late Mr. Allgeer, suggested donating \$6,000 of this legacy for hospital purposes. Therefore, to him, belongs the credit of suggesting the hospital idea for the first two donations to our hospital.

Legal Fraternity Backed Project  
I particularly mention these matters now because while we are all accustomed to think of the medical and nursing professions in connection with hospitals, we are not so likely to associate the legal profession in this connection; yet, in a very important sense, in our own case, we owe a great deal to one member of the legal profession at the very inception of the undertaking and I am glad to learn, recently that other members of the profession are assisting our hospital in a similar manner.

By the beginning of the year 1924, these first two donations plus accum-

ulated interest amounted to the sum of \$20,000.

The Job Undertaken  
Early in the year 1924, the then mayor and council accepted this site for the purpose of a hospital and appointed a committee of five to advise them how to proceed. Great credit is due the mayor and council of 1924 for the prompt and effective manner in which they acted at this particular time, as it had the effect of getting our hospital enterprise started.

The committee of five, of course, very thoroughly investigated the hospital situation from every angle, visiting especially for the purpose Paris, Ont., a town of about the same population as Simcoe, where a new hospital had been erected a few years before and which was in a flourishing condition in spite of the fact that Paris was closely surrounded by hospitals, the Brantford hospital being only six miles away against 25 miles from Simcoe.

### The Visit To Paris

I remember very well the day we visited Paris. It was in the dead of winter, the snow banks along the L. E. & N. were in many cases higher than the roofs of the cars and some of us were not seeing how we would "Ford" could not only bring how we would surprised we were upon arriving at the station to find that Mayor Patterson, himself was there to meet us with a span of horses and sleigh to drive us up to the Willett Hospital. Our first little mountain of difficulty had disappeared, thanks to Mayor Patterson, as have many others since that time.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to the ladies and gentlemen of the Paris Hospital Board on that occasion for we were not only graciously received and shown all through the Paris Hospital and given all the information possible, but it was through them that we obtained our first real practical insight into and inspiration for hospital work and therefore from them we received our next great urge forward.

It was largely on account of the very favorable impression made on the minds of the committee by the kindly Paris Board that the committee made a favorable report to the council in 1924, which was then the council in 1924, and accepted the committee's advice and asked them to proceed at once to carry out their own program.

### An Enthusiast.

The original committee was expanded by an addition of other names and at once it was decided to proceed with the undertaking, the next big step forward was made under the management of Mr. Harry Brooks as chairman of the subscription committee. You will all remember what wonderful enthusiasm and enthusiasm he put into this work which in turn had a reflex influence on everyone coming in contact with him. It was next to impossible for anyone to say "No" to Harry Brook when asked a subscription or to assist in the canvass.

### Over Three Thousand Subscribers

The way the subscriptions rolled in was simply marvellous, largely due to the enthusiasm of the chairman of the subscription committee. He was, I must say, very ably backed by his wife, who would have the whole of her car washers down to dinner after motorizing and tramping all over the county all day. It was truly wonderful to see how the enthusiasm of the chairman spread to all of his lieutenants, and also how well it kept up until the work was completed.

Much as I would like, time will not permit me to go over that splendid subscription list of some three thousand names. May I say, however, that not always did the largest amount correspond with the largest amount. Many times over was enacted a similar scene to that of the widow's mite.

The gross subscriptions from private individuals totalled about \$50,000. To this county council added \$5000 and the Simcoe town council added nearly \$2000 more, making in round figures a grand total of \$65,000.

### Building Begins.

This was considered sufficiently satisfactory to warrant proceeding with the work. Mr. Bodley, the architect who designed the Paris Hospital, was engaged and plans were very carefully prepared and finally approved by the Ontario Government architect. In due time the contract was awarded to Messrs. Schultz Bros., builders, Brantford, and promptly executed, resulting in this excellent building at a very reasonable cost, thanks to both architect and builders.

### Ladies Take Hold.

The good ladies of Norfolk as individuals and through their various societies and organizations, together with two societies of men, undertook the equipping and furnishing of almost the entire interior of the hospital, the aggregate cost of which, in dollars and cents, would amount to at least \$15,000 but cold figures do not adequately convey to the mind what has been, is being and will be done for our hospital by the ladies of Norfolk. Again, time will not permit me to go into particulars of the splendid work done by both individuals and societies. Words fail me to adequately express to you what they all have done. You will just kindly have to judge for yourselves when you shortly see inside the building.

Thus far a Ladies' Hospital Aid has not been organized but Mrs. Harry Brook, very ably assisted by other good ladies has done much of the work that would otherwise have been done by such an organization. I am sure all are agreed that the honor for having done done the most for our hospital among the ladies belongs to Mrs. Harry Brook and we are all

exceedingly grateful for this.

Hospital Open To Medical Profession  
Some seem to be under the impression that a hospital in Norfolk would be of particular benefit to the doctors themselves. This is true only in so far as it enables our doctors to render better service to their patients. Our hospital will be wide open as regards medical men, that is, any patient will be able to have their own doctor attend them without regard to where the doctor resides.

We believe that we have very good medical men in the county of Norfolk, as good or even better than they have elsewhere. Nevertheless, if any patients feel otherwise, they are quite at liberty to have whatever doctor they desire to attend them in our hospital. From the medical profession, particularly in Simcoe, the committee and board have received splendid co-operation and assistance. They have always been very willing to take all kinds of their time and go with us to various hospitals so as to make sure that our own hospital would be second to none of its own size in the province of Ontario.

Thanks to our doctors and the splendid assistance given the committee by the superintendents of hospitals and others in Brantford, Woodstock, Ingersoll, Paris and elsewhere, think you will all agree that the really has been accomplished.

### Delay Has Been Compensated

As to the necessity of a hospital here and the advantages to be derived, let me simply say that in the whole province of Ontario there are now only three counties left without hospitals. Perhaps we have been some what backward in the past in this respect but, in this splendidly equipped hospital building, we believe that you have more than compensated for past backwardness.

The cost and danger of sickness, we feel sure will be reduced in our hospital because for the salary of a trained nurse in a private home, a person will be able to occupy the best room in our hospital with night and day nurses, meals and all thrown in to the bargain.

The present organization behind the hospital is known as the Hospital Association, which is in some respects rather large and unwieldy.

However, the association appoints a board to act for them and at the present time, the board consists of eleven members as follows:

1. Warden of the county.
2. Mayor of Simcoe.
3. Senator of the county.
4. Judge of the county.

5. A representative from the Ministerial Association, and six other individuals, namely: Harry Brook, Harold Jackson, H. S. Falls, Jas. Peachey, Grover Murdoch and myself.

All members of the board, barring myself, have been invaluable in carrying out the plans and work of the association.

Mr. H. S. Falls has been very kind in many ways. He along with Mr. Murdoch and many other merchants in the town of Simcoe, has enabled the board to buy anything required at absolute cost and without a single cent of profit to themselves.

His Honour Judge Boles has been a wonderful help to the association in plotting the organization from stage to stage into its present form. I do not see how we could have managed without his assistance in this and many other matters.

Senator McCall has been a staunch supporter and tower of strength to the organization. We deeply regret that ill-health prevents him from being with us this afternoon.

Every member of the board has been wonderful but I think that all are agreed that so Harold Jackson and Harry Brook, using the credit for having done the most among the men for our hospital.

From the very beginning Harold has been the secretary and treasurer. It is very difficult for anyone who has not attended all the numerous committee and board meetings to fully appreciate the amount of work done by Harold and during all these meetings not once, when asked, has he failed to give the necessary figures instantly, no matter in what connection. I have often wondered how he was able to do it and still attend to his own business.

From sheer lack of words on my part to properly express it, I am afraid the association will never know the tremendous amount of work that Harold Jackson has done for our new hospital.

It is generally known that the credit for having done the most for the hospital belongs to Harry Brook.

Here again, words fail me to adequately picture to you the tremendous amount of work that he has done. Wherever you look and whatever you see about our hospital both inside and outside, makes one think of Harry Brook. I am thoroughly convinced in my own mind that were it not for Harry Brook, we would not be opening the hospital to-day. Perhaps we

would be opening it in a year or two or maybe five or ten years hence, but not to-day.

What he has done in raising the funds, in charge of the erecting of the building, in laying out and seeding the grounds and business, in grading roads, is open to you all. In a word, he has been general manager in charge of nearly everything. He is the magician of our hospital. Whatever is required he produces promptly and generally without cost to our hospital.

For all the time he has spent and for all that he has done, the association is under a tremendous debt of gratitude to Harry Brook.

I assure you that Harry and Harold make a great "Hospital Team." They certainly have made it easy sailing for the rest of us and I hope that they may be long spared to continue the splendid work that they have been doing.

Our hospital will be open to receive patients the day after to-morrow morning. Already, I understand, arrangements have been made to perform an operation. By that time the good people of Norfolk will have set aside for the care and keeping of their sick, no less a sum (allowing full value for everything) than upwards of \$100,000.

Looking to the future, we are very fortunate in having a Norfolk girl, Miss Buck of Port Rowan, as superintendent, assisted by a competent and able staff.

Nevertheless, I do not think it reasonable to expect that at the very beginning our hospital will be self-sustaining. I rather think we may have to depend somewhat upon you, our very good friends, to assist in balancing our budget for a few years.

The board has been making a great struggle trying to retain that first \$20,000 as an endowment. If this can be done, it will mean a revenue of about \$1100 per annum which will materially assist in making good any deficiency in revenue.

Personally, I am 100 per cent optimist on the success of our hospital because I know the ladies are behind it heart and soul.

If there is any doubt about that, let me mention two of the latest donations: first, Mrs. Richard Edmonds phoned that she wished to give a prize of a silver cup to the first baby born in our hospital; second, Miss Isabella Rowat said she was sorry she would be away for the opening but handed me \$5 as her opening day donation.

Can anyone have doubts in face of such a spirit?

As president of the association, kindly allow me on behalf of all the sick that will be cared for in our hospital and on behalf of the fortunate children who will first see the light of day in our hospital, to thank you one and all for all you have done and will do.

"May God Bless Us All"

### 23 BED HOSPITAL

The Norfolk County Hospital affords accommodation for 23 cots, or in an emergency 27. It is a two-storey brick building with flat roof on a concrete foundation. It stands at the head of Robinson street, which is the fourth east and west thoroughfare which has a splendid building facing its western end. The others are Peel, Young and Union streets. It stands on a five-acre plot which lends itself most adaptably for the purpose, sloping to the east and well protected from westerly gales. The president of the board, in his exhaustive address, aptly evaded the embarrassment of stating that this site was his own gift. The people of Norfolk, in general must not pass lightly over the consideration of the great work done by the few men and women who rolled up their sleeves and completed the hospital work to date. They have been working while others played.

Hundreds of pieces of bedding have been machined by busy women. The equipment per cot would surprise folk in general. The rolls of fabric were measured off and cut up and hemmed, and only a few know how it was done. Some of the heaviest contributors in cash were the most ardent workers. This plant is now nominally completed but it has to be maintained. Already there is evidence of willingness, St. Williams and Lynville Women's Institutes had members in yesterday asking assistance to help they might do. Walsh was probably represented, too, for a few years ago Walsh led them all with the first cash contribution.

Yes, they will require fruit and a lot of things at the hospital. There has come to Norfolk another responsibility, but from all quarters there is an apparent interest which will not fail.

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