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Documenting the legacy and contribution of the
Congregations of Religious Women in Canada,
their mission in health care, and the founding and operation of Catholic hospitals.



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Retracer l'héritage et la contribution des
congrégations de religieuses au Canada,
leur mission en matière de soins de santé ainsi que la fondation et l'exploitation des hôpitaux catholiques.

St. Francis General Hospital Smith Falls, Ontario 50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee 1904-1954

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ST. FRANCIS GENERAL HOSPITAL

SMITHS FALLS, ONTARIO



GOLDEN JUBILEE

1904 — 1954

Foreword



The fiftieth anniversary of any event always provides an occasion for reminiscing. If a couple observe the golden jubilee of their wedding, the assembled guests find it interesting to listen to the aging partners recount for them the story of the past happy years. The account invariably begins with that day, fifty years ago, when the young bride and groom first started off life together. And as the story continues, there is unfolded a romance of fifty years duration, one filled with hopes and disappointments, successes and failures, pleasures and pains, joys and sorrows, — in other words a life which has been a mixture of the bitter with the sweet.

What can be said of individuals can likewise be said of organizations and institutions. St. Francis de Sales Hospital is observing the fiftieth year of its service to suffering humanity this November.

During the years of the existence of this hospital, one wonders how many patients have entered its portals, how many have received relief from their sufferings within its walls, how many have been prepared for their flight to eternity from its wards and rooms, how many acts of mercy have been tendered the sick by the good Sisters and their capable staff. Undoubtedly the history of this institution has also been a mixture of the bitter with the sweet.

As the years go by, no doubt, St. Francis Hospital will continue to grow and to expand. And it will continue to dispense kindness and gentle care to those seeking relief from their maladies. Over its doors, that word which means so much to the afflicted will always appear. — "Caritos."



MOST REVEREND ARCHBISHOP J. A. O'SULLIVAN

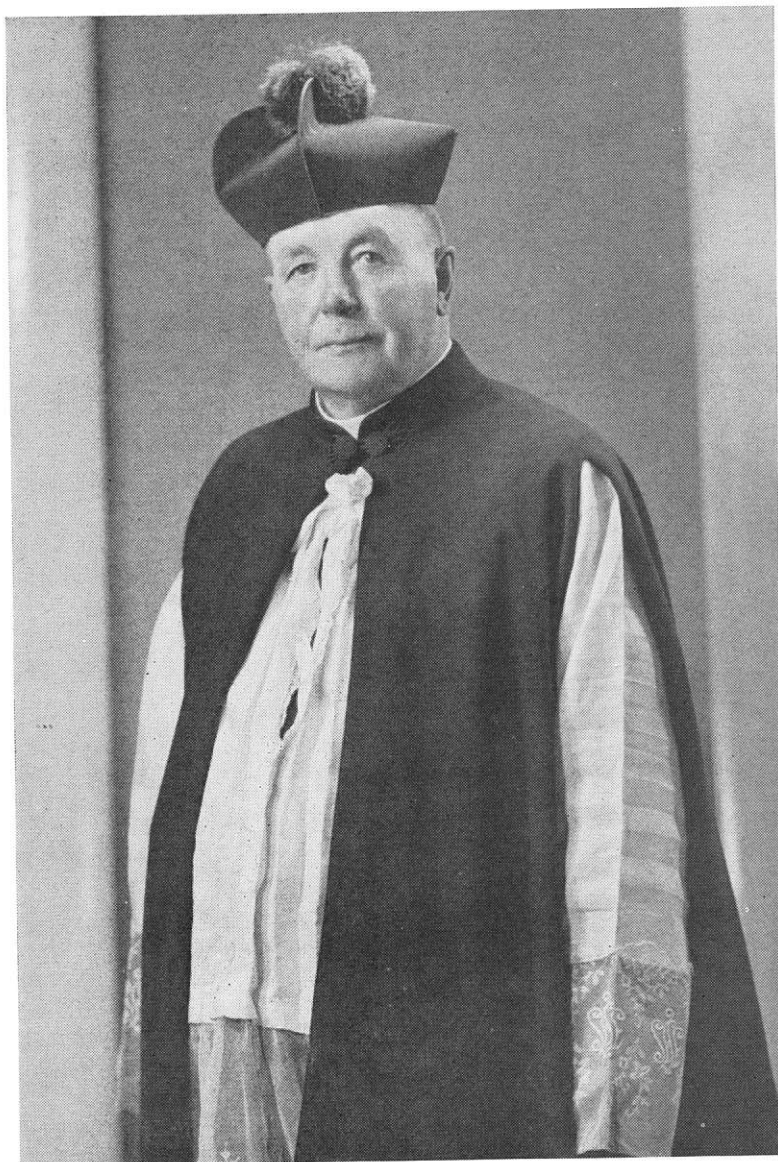
Message from the Archbishop

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With the citizens of Smiths Falls and district, I proudly salute St. Francis General Hospital on its 50th birthday in the service of the sick and afflicted. The Hospital is a monument to the sacrifices of many builders. All who have contributed to its success, down through the years, deserve congratulations and thanks. The main credit is due to the Sisters of Providence. They made the original venture as founders and many Sisters have worn themselves out in the service of the hospital, that it might survive and prosper. Without a great and devoted Medical Staff, the hospital would never succeed. The Sisters have always been fortunate in having highly qualified and loyal Doctors to guide them. They also have a powerful and interested Advisory Board and an enthusiastic Ladies' Auxiliary. All share in the jubilee congratulations and best wishes. May God bless and prosper this splendid hospital, of which the whole diocese of Kingston is so proud.

J. A. O'Sullivan,

ARCHBISHOP OF KINGSTON.



RIGHT REVEREND J. T. HANLEY

Message from Monsignor Hanley

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The building of St. Francis General Hospital in 1904 filled an urgent need for Smiths Falls and vicinity. There was then no motor ambulance, no paved highway. A patient going to a hospital must go by train to Ottawa or Brockville.

That was fifty years ago. If those old walls could speak, what tales they could unfold—tales of an ever-changing procession of sick and suffering seeking aid—tales of kindly devotion on the part of doctors and nurses striving to alleviate their sufferings—tales of the cheerful devotion of the good Sisters who had consecrated their lives to ministering to Jesus Christ in the person of the afflicted.

And now the Golden Jubilee finds the hospital well equipped and remarkably well kept. May it enjoy the same success and blessings for many years to come.

Very Rev. J. T. Hanley.



REVEREND SISTER MARY PATRICE — SUPERIOR 1953 - 54

Acknowledgment

THE SISTERS of St. Francis General Hospital are mindful of their indebtedness to the first Superior, Reverend Mother Vincent and her Staff, whose foresight, courage and zealous devotion to duty laid the foundations which have made possible the celebrating of this Golden Jubilee in the Marian Year. The Sisters express grateful appreciation to Mr. A. E. Dobbie of The Record-News and his staff, to the members of the Hospital Auxiliary, to the advertisers, and to the many generous friends whose kind assistance has contributed to the publishing of this Jubilee Book.

St. Francis General Hospital

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THE FIRST HOSPITAL
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ST. FRANCIS GENERAL HOSPITAL - 1954

The Story Of The Hospital

THE HISTORY of the establishing of St. Francis General hospital is interesting and the record of its achievements is indeed revealing. Though Smiths Falls had long felt that a hospital was needed to care for its sick, the ways and means had not been forthcoming. It was a small-pox epidemic in the town in 1903 that roused the citizens to action. When no one could be found to care for those stricken with the dread disease, the Mayor, Mr. Adam Foster, and some of the doctors approached the Archbishop of Kingston, urging him to send nursing sisters to care for the victims. The sisters of the House of Providence, noted for their works of mercy responded generously; the patients recovered and the epidemic was brought under control.

In appreciation of this great service, a delegation of leading citizens of the town composed of Mayor Adam Foster, Dr. W. A. Gray, Dr. C. L. Easton, Messrs. J. S. Gould, J. J. Marsh, G. F. McKimm and Matthew Ryan interviewed Mother General of the House of Providence, Kingston, and requested her to allow the sisters to remain in Smiths Falls and open a hospital. When the Archbishop Most Rev. Charles Gauthier had approved the project, Mother General gave her consent. Since it was recognized that a hospital was urgently needed, the citizens in general expressed themselves as ready to assist and encourage the enterprise in every way. Elmsley Hall, situated on the outskirts of the town, with its two and one-half acres of elm-tree shaded grounds, was decided upon as a suitable site and purchased from Mr. Arthur L. Fergusson for \$2,000. Elmsley Hall had been the farm home of Mr. Daniel Tierney, a member of the first council of the village of Smiths Falls, incorporated in 1854. Plans were made at first, to build up the walls of the old home, which had been damaged by fire but after consultation with the architect, Mr. H. P. Smith of Kingston, it was decided to construct an entirely new and modern building. The plans submitted by the architect were approved. In February 1904, tenders were called for, and in March construction began, the contract having been awarded to Mr. Michael Healey.

Funds to finance the new building were to be obtained by private subscription. The "learned and popular" parish priest of St. Francis de Sales, Rev. Thomas Kelly, made an appeal for co-operation of the entire citizenship. The first public function to augment the funds already subscribed was the Easter Concert sponsored by interested women. On this occasion Mr. J. R. Lavell, M.P., spoke of the importance of the building of a hospital, and urged the "heartiest support" of all citizens of the town and vicinity, since the hospital would help "to unite in earnest and harmonious effort". The response to the effort to raise funds had been generous he said

and he felt assured that the objective would be reached.

In September, 1904, Mother General, Rev. Sister M. Scholastica, Rev. Sister M. Vincent who was to be the superior of the new hospital, Sister M. John and Sister M. Clement came to Smiths Falls to meet the ladies who had been supporting so enthusiastically the campaign for funds. Mother General remained to assist the ladies in planning and purchasing furnishings for the hospital which was nearing completion. With the object of obtaining modern methods and ideas in vogue in the city hospitals, the other sisters left to make a tour of inspection of the principal hospitals of Chicago and of the famous Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

Though patients had been admitted to the hospital as early as October 12, the first being Mrs. M. Plant, it was not until November 29, 1904, that the new St. Francis General Hospital was formally opened by Dr. Bruce Smith, Inspector of Hospitals for Ontario. Congratulating the sisters, the doctors and the citizens of Smiths Falls, he said he had "no hesitation in recommending most highly the new hospital as worthy of support in every way." During the afternoon more than one hundred gifts of china and linen were received as well as many cash donations. The response had far exceeded anticipations. It was announced that four rooms had been furnished by Mrs. Adam Foster, Mrs. Matthew Ryan, Mr. J. J. Marsh and Mr. J. J. Steacy of Kingston, Ontario. All doctors practising in Smiths Falls were named to the Medical Staff of the new institution. Associated with Sr. M. Vincent, superior, on the hospital staff were Sister M. Camillus, Sister M. John, Sister Rose of Lima, and Sister M. Cyril. If one name more than another stands out in point of long and self-effacing service at St. Francis, it is that of Sister M. Cyril, who for more than forty years laboured devotedly in the interest of the sick and afflicted. To-day, from her room in St. Michael's Wing, she follows with keen interest the plans to commemorate the Golden Jubilee. For the citizens of Smiths Falls, November 29, 1904, saw the fulfilment of a long desired need; for the sisters of the House of Providence, it was a memorable day too, another challenge in administration, another opportunity to carry on their work of healing and comforting the afflicted.

But not many years were to pass before this "spacious" building was to prove inadequate. Though a second hospital, Chambers Memorial, had been opened to the public in 1912, the Sisters of St. Francis General and the medical staff found themselves seriously handicapped for lack of space to

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Laying Of Cornerstone For New St. Joseph's Wing – 1952



Most Rev. J. A. O'Sullivan, Archbishop of Kingston, officiated at the blessing and laying of the cornerstone for the new St. Joseph's Wing at St. Francis General Hospital. Seated, left to right are:— Rt. Rev. J. T. Hanley, V.G., Dr. W. G. Blair, M.P. for Lanark; F. S. Doyle; Mayor G. B. Swayne; Dr. J. T. Hogan; F. R. Billie, and Dr. C. A. Patterson.



Using a silver trowel, Most Rev. J. A. O'Sullivan, third from left, lays mortar on the cornerstone. Assisting him, left to right, are: Very Rev. H. J. Farrell, of Perth; Rev. F. J. Spence, of Kingston; and Mr. Gallaher, architect. At right are: Rt. Rev. J. T. Hanley, and Dr. J. J. McGuire.

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carry on their work efficiently. Moreover, Government authorities had been pressing for improvement in some of the hospital facilities in accordance with the advance in medical treatment in ten years. No expansion could be undertaken with any degree of assurance but Rev. Sr. Francis Regis, the superior was ready to accept the challenge. The parish priest, Rev. T. Kelly, and the Archbishop, Most Rev. M. J. Spratt, expressed their approval of the need for expansion. At a large and enthusiastic meeting of representative citizens, it was decided to launch immediately a campaign to raise \$50,000 for the enlargement and modernization of St. Francis General Hospital. The project received enthusiastic support. Mr. G. W. Newlands of Kingston, was engaged as architect and Mr. Matthew Ryan as contractor, and within months the new building was completed.

It was on May 28, 1914, that the new wing to be known as St. Michael's wing, was formally opened under the "happiest of conditions". In the morning his Grace Most Rev. M. J. Spratt blessed the beautiful little chapel. Present on this memorable occasion were Rev. T. Kelly, Rev. John Hogan, Rev. W. J. McDonagh, Rev. M. J. Meagher, Rev. J. T. Hanley, Rev. R. A. Carey, Rev. J. J. Kealey, Rev. Richard Halligan, and Rev. E. D. Rheaume. Mother General, the former Sr. M. Vincent, and Rev. assistant Sr. M. Angel Guardian, both of whom had been superiors of St. Francis, were welcome guests on this occasion. It was a beautiful summer day, and afternoon and evening crowds representative of the citizens of Smiths Falls, "thronged the grounds and threaded the corridors of the building, admiring every detail." St. Michael's wing, it seemed "embodied the last thing in hospitals" and served to place St. Francis General in a commendable position among hospitals of its size in the province. The formal opening took place in the evening when a large number of citizens of the town and vicinity were present to offer congratulations and wish Rev. Sister Francis Regis and her staff "God speed in their labour of love." Dr. J. J. Maloney of Eganville, Provincial Minister of Health, was the chief speaker; others were Messrs. G. F. McKimm, J. S. Gould, and Charles Foy of Perth. The local band presented "a fine programme of music on the occasion." St. Francis General Hospital had passed another milestone in its history.

The new wing consisted of three storeys. The first storey accommodated the offices, the chapel, the record rooms, the recreation room, the pharmacy and a dining-room; the second floor provided fourteen additional rooms for patients; the third floor had as its chief feature the modern operating room where no expense had been spared. The floors were of tile and the lighting was both electric and gas, the latter the hospital's own system. All rooms were bright with "distinctive one panelled doors of Georgian pine." In addition to St. Michael's wing, there was added an isolation hospital detached from the main building but connected by an underground

passage. This was designed to fill a long felt need in Smiths Falls.

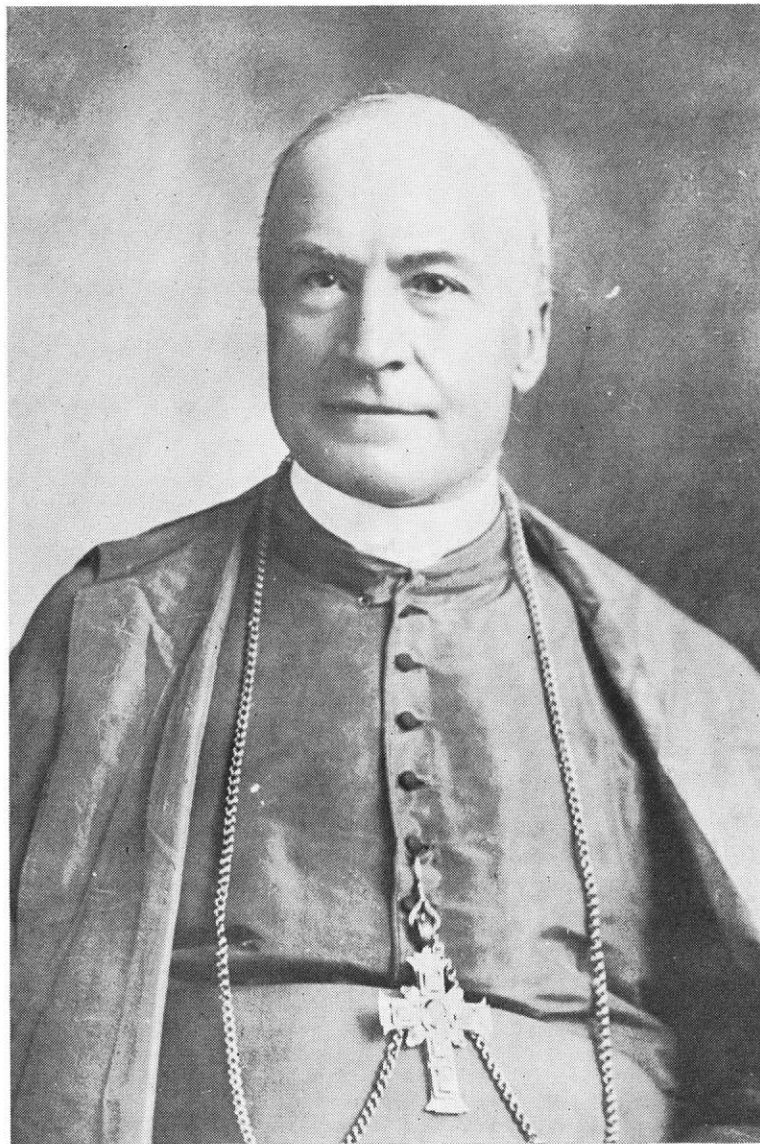
It was soon felt by the hospital authorities that the grant from the town council towards the maintenance of the isolation hospital erected in 1914 was quite inadequate. Accordingly the building was remodelled in 1915 and used as nurses' quarters when the hospital training school for nurses was opened under the supervision of Sr. M. Fidelis. Nineteen hundred and eighteen witnessed the graduation of the first class of St. Francis school of nursing when six sisters and two young ladies, after three years of study and training, became full-fledged members of a noble profession. For ten more years St. Francis training school continued until the Government of Ontario saw fit to withdraw this permission, hitherto accorded small hospitals.

During the depression years, St. Francis was hard pressed to keep up with the ever increasing requirements of a rapidly increasing population. That St. Francis was able to carry on in its usual efficient manner is a tribute to the efficiency and administrative ability of its superior and her staff. In May, 1935, the Women's Hospital Auxiliary was organized and this organization was to prove a tower of strength to the hospital in the ensuing years.

At the close of World War II, the population of Smiths Falls was increasing by leaps and bounds. Again St. Francis General found itself inadequate in size and equipment to cope with the demands of doctors and citizens. In 1950 the two sun rooms on the first floor were converted to office and doctors' reception room, and on the second floor to four bed wards. Expansion became a necessity in 1952. With prices of building material and labour at a peak, the undertaking was a risk, but the capable superior Sr. M. Ivan, with courage and faith in Divine Providence was ready to assume the responsibilities entailed in such a programme. Most Rev. J. A. O'Sullivan gave his consent, and at a meeting attended by doctors, members of the hospital staff and citizens, Rev. J. T. Hanley explained the situation at St. Francis and the difficulties the staff was experiencing in coping with the demands of a rapidly growing population and of Government regulations. Members of the Medical staff stressed the immediate need for additional hospital beds. As a result it was decided to launch immediately a campaign to obtain funds by private subscription. Mr. J. I. Brennagh was awarded the contract.

Within one month of this meeting the site had been approved by the Hon. McKinnon Philip, Minister of Health. On April 20, 1952, in the presence of members of the medical staff, of the council of the clergy and of many interested citizens, Mayor G. B. Swayne officiated at the turning of the sod on the site of a new wing for St. Francis General Hospital, with Mr. Frank Billie as chairman. Speaking briefly were Rt. Rev. J. T. Hanley, V. G. of Kingston Arch-

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MOST REVEREND CHARLES GAUTHIER
ARCHBISHOP OF KINGSTON - 1904

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MOST REV. CHARLES GAUTHIER, late Archbishop of Kingston, who sent nursing sisters to Smiths Falls in 1903 to care for the small-pox patients. On the occasion of this Golden Jubilee, the sisters pay tribute to him for his sympathetic and active interest in the building of the first hospital in Smiths Falls.

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diocese and parish priest of St. Francis de Sales ; Rev. Canon G. H. Sadler of St. John's Anglican church ; Rev. C. E. Armstrong representing the Ministerial Association ; Dr. W. O. Murphy representing the Medical Association and Mayor G. B. Swayne. Among the many present were councillors, Mrs. W. A. Graham, H. L. O'Neill, W. B. Weston, B. J. Stranberg, J. T. Brennagh, contractor, Doctors A. B. Murphy, J. J. Hogan, J. J. McGuire, J. T. Hogan and A. L. Kerr, and Messrs. C. J. Byrnes, N. O'Reilly, and E. W. Morris. Representing the hospital staff were Sr. M. Ivan, Sr. M. Josephine and Sr. M. Robert.

A little more than one month later, June 29, 1952, in solemn and historic ceremony, assisted by Dean Farrell and Rev. F. J. Spence, Most Rev. J. A. O'Sullivan, Archbishop of Kingston, officiated at the laying of the cornerstone of the new obstetrical wing. His Grace blessed the cornerstone and placed it in position with a silver trowel presented to him by the architect, Logan V. Gallagher. He said "Christianity and the care of the sick, the aged and the orphan are synonymous." "Hospitals" he said "were first established under the inspiration and guidance of the church." He congratulated the sisters and the medical staff on the way they had been performing the charitable missions of the Church and paid special tribute to Sr. M. Ivan, the superior of St. Francis for her zeal, her administrative ability and her graciousness. The list of contents of the cornerstone was read by F. S. Doyle. Dr. Blair, M.P. for Lanark, the special speaker, reviewed the progress made in medical practice, and the efforts of the state to promote the health of its people. He emphasized the importance of, and the need for expansion of medical services in Canada. He lauded the effort behind the construction of the new wing, saying that "due to financial difficulties in hospital maintenance and the increasing cost of construction much courage is required in an effort of this kind." On behalf of the Medical Association Dr. C. A. Patterson expressed gratitude to St. Francis General Hospital for its contribution to the welfare of the citizens of Eastern Ontario. Speaking for the town, Mayor G. B. Swayne commended the sisters for the contribution they had made to civic welfare since the hospital was opened in 1904. Dr. J. T. Hogan, dean of medical practitioners of Smiths Falls, and a member of the medical staff of 1904, was a guest on the platform. Hundreds of citizens witnessed the colourful ceremony, as well as many of the clergy from the surrounding parishes, among them : Dean H. J. Farrell, Rev. F. J. O'Neil, Rev. Simon Le Sage, Rev. Clayton Le Sage, Rev. J. J. O'Neil, and Rev. A. L. O'Donnell. Dr. J. J. McGuire was chairman for the occasion.

Just seven months later, January 29, 1953, another chapter was opened in the history of St. Francis, when over three hundred gathered within its corridors, to witness the official opening of the new St. Joseph's Obstetrical Wing. Hon. George H. Doucett, Minister of Highways for Ontario, officiated,

cutting the ribbon separating the new wing from the 1904 building with the scissors handed him by Norbert O'Reilly, after Rev. J. T. Hanley had recited prayers suitable to the occasion. Dr. McKinnon Phillips, Minister of Health, was the principal speaker on this memorable occasion. The Minister reviewed the progress in hospitals and the improvement in hospital equipment made in the twentieth century. He mentioned the fact that the province of Ontario had given the first grants on the North American continent for building hospitals and stated that in 1951 the Government had spent \$44 million dollars in grants to hospitals. Others participating in the historic ceremony were Most Rev. J. A. O'Sullivan of Kingston, Mayor G. B. Swayne, Dr. W. G. Blair, M.P. for Lanark, Dr. R. M. Fergusson, Dr. A. B. Murphy who acted as chairman, Dr. J. A. McCue, Dr. A. L. Kerr and Dr. John J. Hogan who expressed the appreciation of the sisters to all who had contributed to the success of the project designed to serve more efficiently the citizens of Smiths Falls and vicinity.

The St. Joseph's Wing, a modern two-storey building extends the hospital capacity to sixty-five beds and twenty bassinets. Accommodated on the first floor in an out-patient department including an admission chest unit ; an X-ray department under the direction of a certified radiologist, Dr. J. C. Lanthier ; an emergency operating room and a laboratory with blood bank established in 1951. On this floor also is located the main kitchen, the staff dining room and nurses' dining-room. The second floor houses the obstetrical department with a modern nursery, an isolation suspect nursery, sterilizing room, case room, two labour rooms, as well as twenty patients beds. Oxygen is piped to all rooms on both floors. In addition to the new wing, the main building was considerably renovated ; a modern fire-proof stairway was built and a twenty-five thousand dollar cober automatic elevator installed. A grant of \$3400 from the Atkinson Charitable Foundation made possible the purchase of an electric sterilizer and an orthopaedic table, for the X-ray Unit. St. Francis General Hospital is one of the best equipped hospitals in Eastern Ontario and one of nineteen hospitals in Ontario to have "A" rating.

Reflecting on the past fifty years, the Sisters of Providence may take justifiable pride in the record of the growth of St. Francis General Hospital and in the great service it has rendered in the community. But in this year of Golden Jubilee, the superior, Rev. Sister M. Patrice, and the sisters are also looking to the future. Already plans have been made for the construction of a third floor, and early in 1955, when the building programme will have been completed, St. Joseph's Wing will include two operating room suites, two recovery rooms and twenty-four additional beds. Also the second floor of the original building will accommodate a unit for the chronically

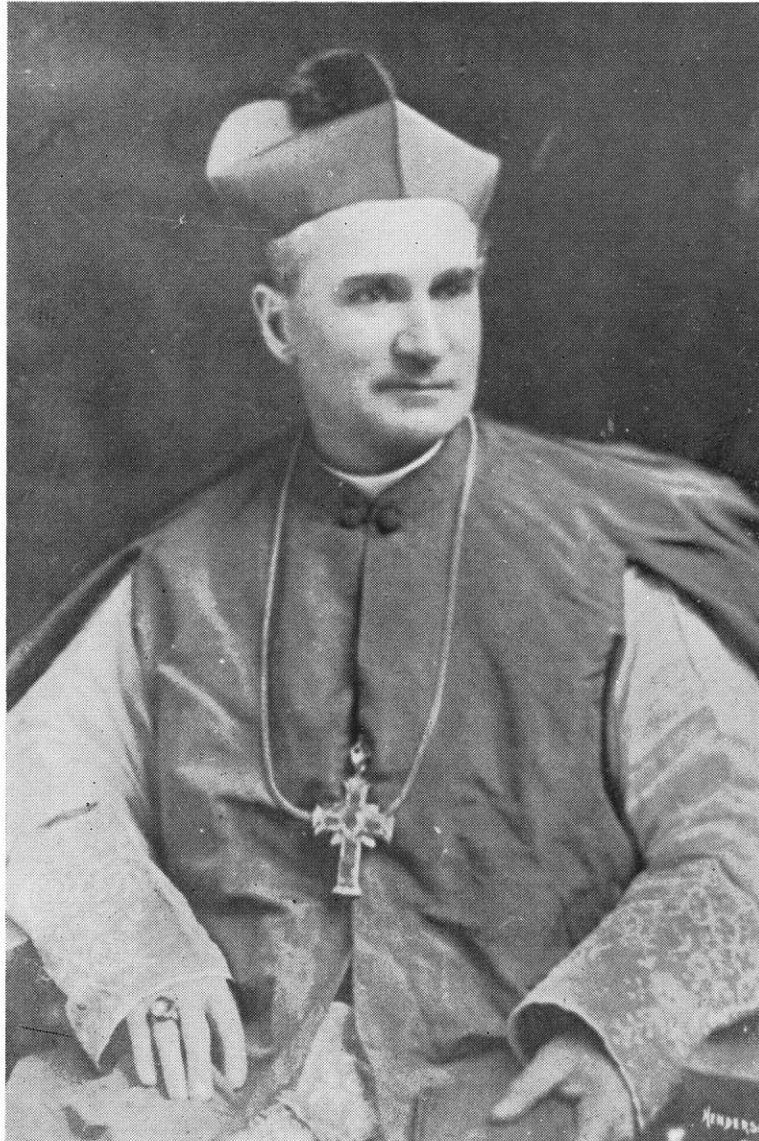
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REVEREND THOMAS KELLY
PASTOR ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH — 1904

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REV. THOMAS KELLY late parish priest of St. Francis de Sales, to whom the Sisters of St. Francis owe a debt of gratitude for his sympathetic and generous support of the building programme in 1904, and for his kind and solicitous direction in all matters pertaining to the best administration of the hospital.



MOST REVEREND M. J. SPRATT
ARCHBISHOP OF KINGSTON — 1914

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MOST REV. M. J. SPRATT, late Archbishop of Kingston, who gave his whole-hearted support to the Sisters when St. Michael's Wing was added to the original building in 1914. His keen interest in the many problems confronting a new institution and his encouragement at all times was a source of strength to the Sisters.

Superiors — 1904-1954



REV. S. M. FRANCIS REGIS
1910 — 1914



REV. S. M. BEATRICE
1915 — 1920



REV. S. M. ANSLEM
1920 — 1926



REV. S. M. FEDELIS
1926 — 1932



REV. S. M. MERCY
1932 — 1933



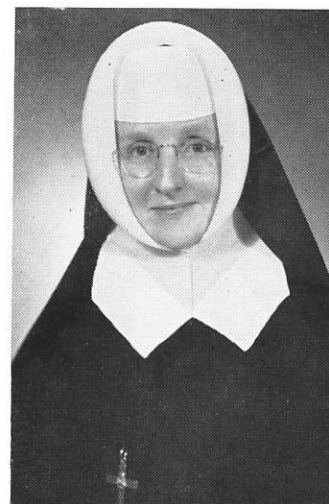
REV. S. M. CYRIL
1933 — 1936



REV. S. M. PULCHERIA
1936 — 1942



REV. S. M. SEVEN DOLORS
1942 — 1943
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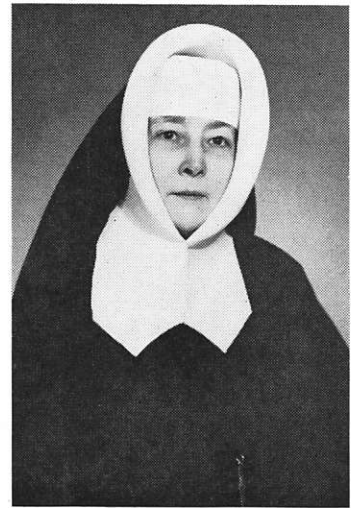
REV. S. M. LALEMENT
1943 — 1945

Superiors — 1904-1954



REV. S. M. GWENDOLYN
1945 — 1947

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FIRST SUPERIOR
REV. S. M. VINCENT
1904 — 1910
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REV. S. M. IVAN
1952



REVEREND SISTER MARY CYRIL

SISTER M. CYRIL who was a member of the St. Francis hospital staff of 1904, and who served continuously on the staff, or as Superior, until 1943. A patient at St. Francis for the past eleven years, she still takes a keen interest in all its undertakings.

*"It is enough
To see one ray of light for us to judge
The glory of the sun ; it is enough
To catch one glimpse of heaven's blue
For us to know the beauty of the sky.
It is enough to tell a little part
Of her most holy life, that you may know
The hidden grace and splendour of the whole."*



REV. S. M. BERNARD
ONE OF THE SISTERS WHO
NURSED SMALL-POX
VICTIMS IN 1903.



REV. S. M. ANNA
MEMBER OF STAFF OF
ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL
1914 — 1943.



REVEREND MOTHER MARY JEAN
MOTHER SUPERIOR

**Message From Reverend Mother Mary Jean
Superior General Of The Sisters Of Providence**

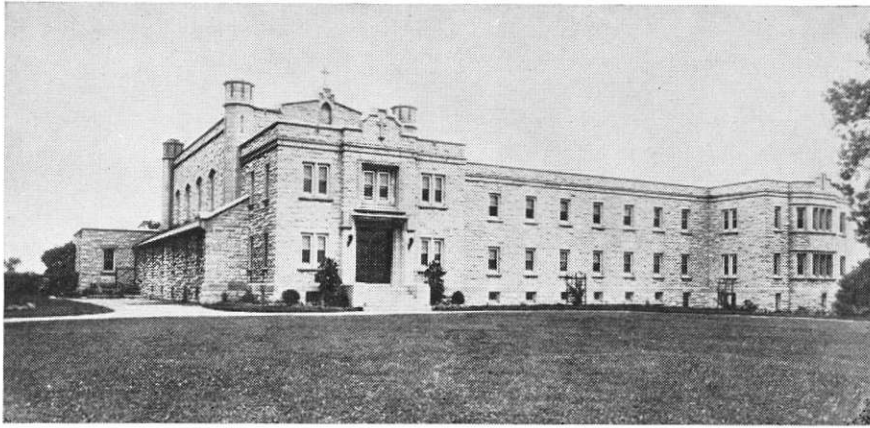
THE MOTHER HOUSE of the Sisters of Providence rejoices that another of her missions has reached its golden milestone. Fifty years in the life of an institution mark an epoch whose ending asks us to pause for thought. We look for what has been achieved to see what security is offered for the time to come ; and on this occasion we have high hopes for the future. The annals of St. Francis General Hospital, Smiths Falls, are among the brightest pages in the Community's history. From the opening day, November 29th, 1904, the Sister-Recorders speak of the kindness and co-operation shown them by the people of the parish and of the town. That the same fine spirit still prevails was evident two years ago when the citizens of this district proposed and made possible the erection of the splendid St. Joseph's Wing.

To all who have laboured for the progress of the hospital the Community pays its tribute of appreciation and gratitude. All its members unite, this Jubilee year, in thanking God, Who has lavished His blessings on our hospital during the past fifty years ; and we pray that what has been accomplished may be but an index of the good to be achieved through the concerted efforts of the Staff and the Collaborators of St. Francis General Hospital.

Mother Mary Jean, Superior General,

Sisters of Providence,

"Heathfield", Kingston, Ontario.



HEATHFIELD

The Sisters Of Providence Of St. Vincent De Paul

THE SISTERS of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul, whose Mother House is at Kingston, Ontario, is one of the many institutes which have been formed on the pattern sketched by the great seventeenth-century apostle of Charity, St. Vincent de Paul. It is due to the efforts of this "peasant among princes" that women who come and go among the people, teaching in schools, doing hospital and social work, can at the same time live as members of a religious community. In collaboration with St. Louise de Marillac, a widow who wished to devote her time and fortune to the care of the poor, St. Vincent founded the Daughters of Charity in France in 1633.

BEGINNING IN CANADA

Two centuries later Monsignor Bourget founded a Congregation of the Daughters of Charity in Canada. In 1841 this zealous Bishop of Montreal had visited Europe and made arrangements with the Daughters of St. Vincent to assume the direction of the works of Charity begun in his episcopal city by the saintly Madame Gamelin. When later the Bishop was informed that the Sisters from France were unable to accept the foundation, he decided to form a diocesan Community. Six young girls responded to his appeal for candidates to the religious life. Madame Gamelin was sent to Baltimore and New York where the Sisters from France had already opened houses, and from them received the "Rule of St. Vincent de Paul". With Madame Gamelin as Superior, the new Congregation was officially instituted on March 25, 1843, under the title of Sisters of Charity of Providence, and the members were commonly known as *Sisters of Providence*.

ARRIVAL IN KINGSTON

In 1861, Most Reverend E. J. Horan, fourth Bishop of Kingston, appealed to Bishop Bourget to assist him in providing care for the aged, the orphans, and the homeless poor of his diocese. In answer to his appeal four Sisters of Providence from Montreal came to Kingston, took up residence in a small stone

house on the corner of Montreal and Ordnance streets, and began at once to visit the sick in their homes, and care for the aged and the orphans. On March 25th, 1862, the first Kingston postulant entered the novitiate, and in five years the numbers had increased sufficiently to permit the Montreal foundresses to return to their Mother House leaving the young Community under the guidance of the first professed candidate, Sister Mary Edward.

The small stone home of the pioneers is still standing, a part of the present House of Providence which covers a city block. For seventy years this was the Mother House and Novitiate, where the youthful candidates received their religious formation and were imbued with the characteristic spirit of the Institute, sympathy with the afflicted. In 1931 a new Mother House was erected at Heathfield on the western edge of the city, and the House of Providence now serves solely as a Home for the Aged.

EXPANSION

The work of the Sisters has extended throughout the diocese of Kingston. They conduct hospitals in Kingston, Brockville and Smiths Falls; and in most of the parishes they staff the elementary and high schools. They have one school in Pembroke diocese, the new nine-room school at Arnprior. They were among the pioneers in Alberta and Saskatchewan; in 1908 they opened a hospital in Daysland, and in rapid succession came hospitals at Moose Jaw, Camrose, and Edmonton; Homes for the Aged at Moose Jaw and Athabasca, and a Hostel for Girls (Rosary Hall) at Edmonton. They also conduct a Hospital for the Chronically Ill at Vancouver and a Vocational School for Boys at Winnipeg. In Montreal they administer the only Catholic Hospital for English-speaking people, and the Father Dowd Memorial Home for the Aged, and have charge of the girls' section of the new St. Malachy's School.

Present Council — Mother Jean, Mother Electa, Mother Alban, Mother Francisca, Mother Dorothea.



REVEREND SISTER MARY IVAN
SUPERINTENDENT 1952

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THE OCCASION of the Fiftieth Anniversary of St. Francis General Hospital, is a special time of thanksgiving and rejoicing ; therefore I feel honoured in being given an opportunity to express in the name of the Sisters and myself our heartfelt thanks to those who so generously assisted us in the building and furnishing of the addition which was completed and opened about two years ago. The cooperation of you, our benefactors enables us to continue the work of caring for the poor sick, making you sharers with us in the merit of this work and our motto,

Cor caritati sacrum.

Hearts devoted to charity.

Sister Mary Ivan.

St. Francis Hospital Auxiliaries

MONTHS BEFORE the new hospital had become a reality, the women of Smiths Falls realized that they too had a part to play in gathering funds to purchase equipment for the new institution; they too owed a debt of gratitude to those nursing sisters through whose courage and nursing skill a possible epidemic had been averted. Their first money-raising scheme was a concert held in the "Old Theatre" on Market street, now Robertson & Sons Wholesale, in Easter week 1904. Three guest artists from Toronto were assisted by local talent. Mr. Harry Lavell, Miss C. Louise McCallum, Miss Edith Healy, Mr. W. H. Kerfoot and Mr. E. Grondin. Reporting the event, the local press stated "the successful concert not only made an excellent beginning for the general hospital building fund but gave entertainment and pleasure to one of the largest and most representative audiences ever to assemble within the walls of the local theatre." "If the labour and enthusiasm may be taken as an augury of the interest excited in behalf of the new hospital, then there need be no uneasiness about the future of this very important undertaking."

As the hospital was nearing completion, these enthusiastic women decided a Ladies' Auxiliary to the hospital should be formed. Accordingly on September 4, 1904, a meeting for this purpose, attended by Rev. Thomas Kelly, parish priest of St. Francis de Sales, Sister M. Scholastica, Mother General, Sister M. Clement, Sister M. Vincent, Sister M. John, and many of the prominent women of the town was held in the hall of the New Carnegie Library. After introducing the sisters to the ladies, Father Kelly expressed his appreciation of the interest and enthusiasm evinced by the ladies during the preceding months. He particularly thanked them for sponsoring the successful Easter concert. Their zeal had not only given him encouragement but had dispelled any misgivings which he might have had in undertaking so stupendous a project. He pointed out to the ladies, that while the new institution would be operated by the Sisters of Providence, it would not be run as a Catholic institution but as a general hospital, primarily administering to the sick, with every respect shown to all religious beliefs.

The election of officers of the first Ladies' Auxiliary to St. Francis General Hospital resulted as follows: — President, Mrs. S. L. Forest; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. F. Whitcomb, Mrs. M. Ryan, Mrs. G. F. McKimm; Secretary, Mrs. C. E. O'Reilly; Treasurer, Mrs. Adam Foster; Executive committee, Mrs. J. R. Lavell, Mrs. W. A. Gray, Mrs. M. Healy, Mrs. R. J. Whyte, Mrs. J. S. McCallum, Mrs. W. Frost, Mrs. T. E. Griffith, Mrs. J. Ross, Mrs. E. Grondin, Mrs. F. C. Hagar, Mrs. C. L. Easton.

The first Autumn Tea of St. Francis General Hospital sponsored by the newly formed Ladies' Aux-

iliary, was held on the afternoon of the opening of the hospital, November 29, 1904, when "the spacious Building could not accommodate the crowds of interested citizens who came to offer congratulations and leave their donations." Successful Autumn Teas have become a tradition at St. Francis General Hospital.

The next project of the Auxiliary was a dance, the Charity Ball, which for the next ten years was anticipated as the most delightful of social events of the year. For the occasion the Town Hall was transformed into a "veritable fairy land" as a result of the ingenuity and hard work of these intrepid women.

And so year after year, each president with her own special ability, and supported by her capable executive and the citizens of the town carried on providing funds to be used by the sisters to purchase equipment most urgently needed at the moment. It was in 1923 after the Catholic Women's League had been formed, that the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Francis was disbanded at the request of Rev. Father Kelly. The Catholic Women's League was to assume the responsibilities of the former Auxiliary to the hospital. For nineteen years, 1904 - 23, when money was required for the building fund as well as for equipment and maintenance, this loyal band of women had served St. Francis General Hospital well. It is only when we try to visualize the Smiths Falls of 1904 with its dusty streets, its board walks, its horse-drawn vehicles, etc., that we can assess properly the contributions made by these women of faith, of vision, and of courage.

For twelve years the sisters of St. Francis were without the support of a women's auxiliary. The loss was keenly felt for no hospital is complete without a Ladies' Auxiliary, a group of devoted, self-sacrificing women who are willing to give of their time, energy and ability to provide for the comforts of the sick. But it was not until May 1935, that the present hospital auxiliary was organized by Mrs. M. F. McGlade, the first executive being: Mrs. E. V. Droughan, president; Mrs. M. F. McGlade, vice-president; Mrs. J. F. Boylan, secretary; Mrs. J. T. Nagle, treasurer.

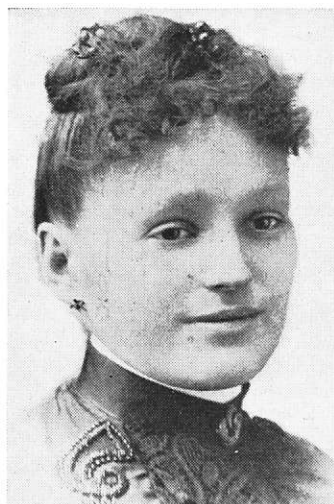
Succeeding presidents were Mrs. J. O'Keefe, Mrs. J. Irish, Mrs. T. V. Egan, Miss E. Mahoney, Mrs. J. Lenahan, Mrs. T. Sinnott and Mrs. A. Perkins. The membership in the auxiliary now numbers over three hundred. For the past nineteen years, St. Francis General Hospital has been blessed with an especially active auxiliary; the record is one of outstanding achievement. The policy of the auxiliary has always been to consider first the comfort and needs of the patient when providing equipment. The various executives by means of Suppers, Bridge,

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Members St. Francis Hospital Auxiliary — 1904



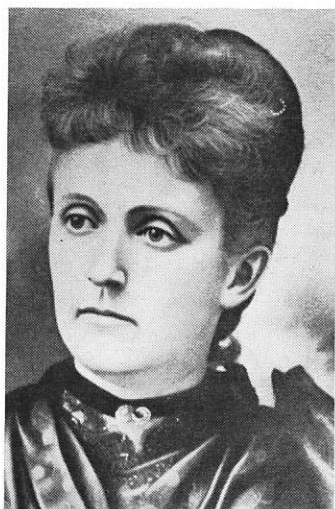
MRS. S. L. FORREST, President



MRS. ADAM FOSTER, Treasurer



MRS. T. E. GRIFFITH



MRS. MATTHEW RYAN, Vice-Pres.



MRS. E. GRONDIN



MRS. WILLIAM FROST



MRS. C. E. O'REILLY, Secretary



MRS. J. H. ROSS



MRS. G. F. McKIMM

Members St. Francis Hospital Auxiliary — 1904



MRS. J. A. ANDERSON

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MRS. W. A. GRAY
MRS. M. HEALEY



MRS. J. S. McCALLUM

"Honour a physician with the honour due
to him."

ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL AUXILIARIES [Continued from Page 21]

Teas, etc., have raised thousands of dollars used to furnish rooms and to purchase every type of equipment that a most up-to-date hospital might require. If the St. Francis General Hospital ranks among the best and most modernly equipped hospitals of its size in the province, credit is due to the members of the

Auxiliary through whose ability, and self-sacrificing efforts funds have been provided for purchase of such equipment. The executive for 1954-5 is: President, Mrs. A. Perkins; Vice-President, Mrs. J. I. Brennagh; Secretary, Mrs. D. J. Kennedy; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Kelly.

"A nun hath no nation.
Wherever man suffers or woman may soothe,
There her land, there her kindred."
—R. R. Buliver-Lytton.

THE STORY OF THE HOSPITAL [Continued from Page 13]

ill and a pediatric ward. With the same courage and faith and the same spirit of sacrifice, the sisters begin a new era of service to humanity. Though the future defies translation, we are confident that whatever challenge it may offer will be met by the sisters

with the same unswerving faith and devotion, and with Divine assistance, the achievement of the second half of the century will be even greater, as the sisters continue to play their role in the pageant of Christian charity.

"By medicine life may be prolonged, yet death
Will seize the doctor too."



Hospital Auxiliary – 1954

Executive

FRONT ROW – LEFT TO RIGHT.

MRS. T. SINNOTT, Past President.

MRS. A. E. PERKINS, President.

MRS. J. I. BRENNAGH, Vice-President.

BACK ROW – LEFT TO RIGHT.

MRS. D. J. KENNEDY, Secretary.

MRS. EMMETT KELLY, Treasurer.

Women's Auxiliary Meeting



Women's Auxiliary Sewing Circle



Presidents St. Francis General Hospital Auxiliary — 1935 - 1954



MRS. E. V. DROUGHAN
1935 — 1939



MRS. J. IRISH
1939 — 1942



MRS. J. O'KEEFE
1942 — 1944



MRS. T. V. EGAN
1944 — 1946



MISS E. MAHONEY
1946 — 1948



MRS. J. LENAHAN
1948 — 1951



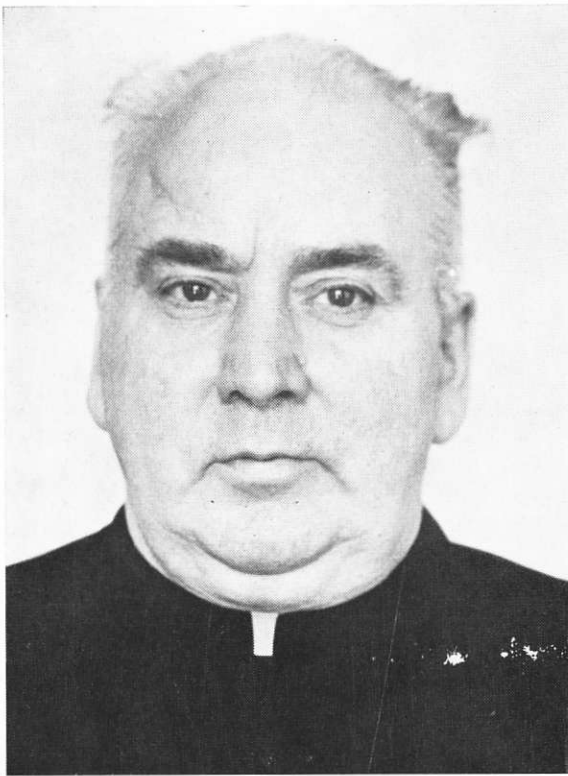
MRS. T. SINNOTT
1951 — 1953



MRS. A. E. PERKINS
1953 — 1954
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MRS. M. F. McGLADE
ORGANIZER



REVEREND A. L. O'DONNELL

CHAPLAIN ST. FRANCIS GENERAL HOSPITAL

ST. FRANCIS General Hospital has served the people of Smiths Falls and its environs, well and faithfully for the past fifty years. The service given the sick by the good Sisters in charge and their capable staff, both medical and nursing has always been of the highest order, because motivated by the highest Christian principles. In their care for those suffering from any malady, they never lose sight of the fact that the individual is a human person composed of a body which houses an immortal soul which is made to the image and likeness of God. It is the sincere wish of all who are acquainted with the work carried on in this institution, that it continue its good and charitable and Christian service to humanity for many long years to come.

A. L. O'Donnell.

Hospital Chaplain.

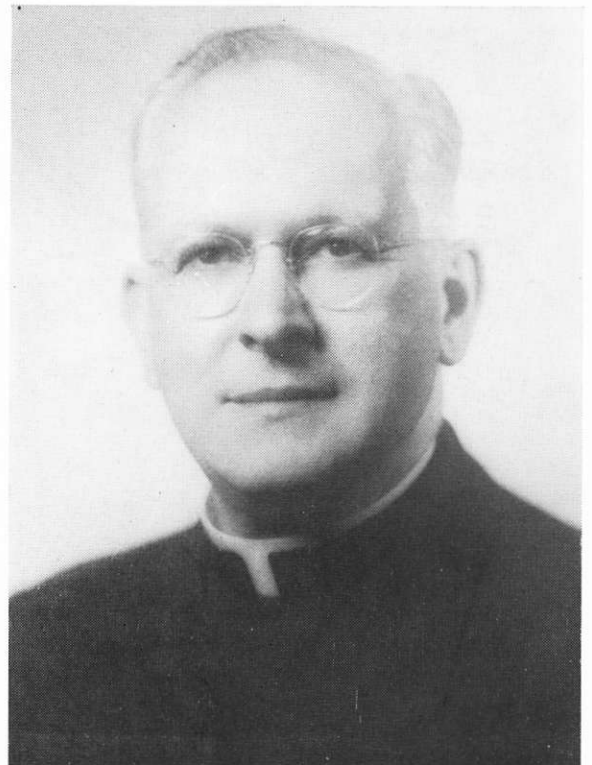
AN INSTITUTION which has marked any milestone of private progress is worthy of public admiration. Greater and more deserving merit is due when an institution has had for its purpose in life, one that is humanitarian.

And so it is on this, the Golden Anniversary of St. Francis General Hospital, there is much cause to rejoice and thank God for the innumerable and untold blessings which have come to mankind through its' great work.

I wish to join with the many friends of St. Francis General Hospital in congratulating and felicitating it and the good Sisters of Providence who so efficiently conduct it, on this great occasion.

May continued success in all its great and noble works of Kindness, Mercy and Charity, be its lot.

J. C. LeSage.



REVEREND J. C. LE SAGE



HON. PAUL MARTIN
MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH
AND WELFARE.

Greetings From The Minister Of National Health And Welfare

IT IS AN honour for me to join in extending my warmest greetings on the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Saint Francis General Hospital. For half a century its staff has served the health needs of Smiths Falls faithfully and well.

I trust God will give you every opportunity to carry on your merciful work as long as suffering remains in the world. You have set an example of true charity that will remain an enduring inspiration to us all. May He continue to prosper you in your selfless efforts.

Paul Martin.



Greetings From The Minister Of Health For Ontario

HOSPITALS today are striking evidence of the welding for the common good of scientific and humanitarian principles — St. Francis General Hospital is certainly no exception.

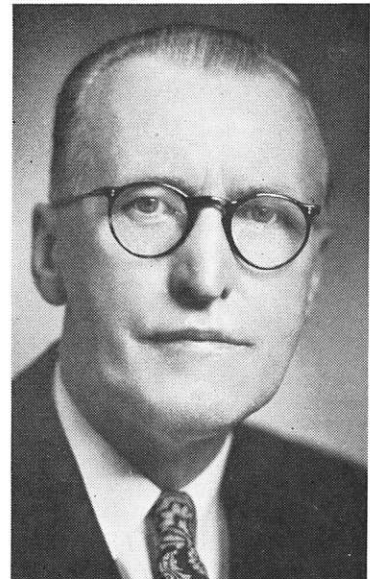
Therefore, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of St. Francis General Hospital, I would like to pay tribute to the founders, and also congratulate those who are responsible for its operation now. The Sisters of Providence deserve great credit.

Hospital administration today can rightly and naturally be considered as a down-to-earth, democratic Christian contribution to humanity.

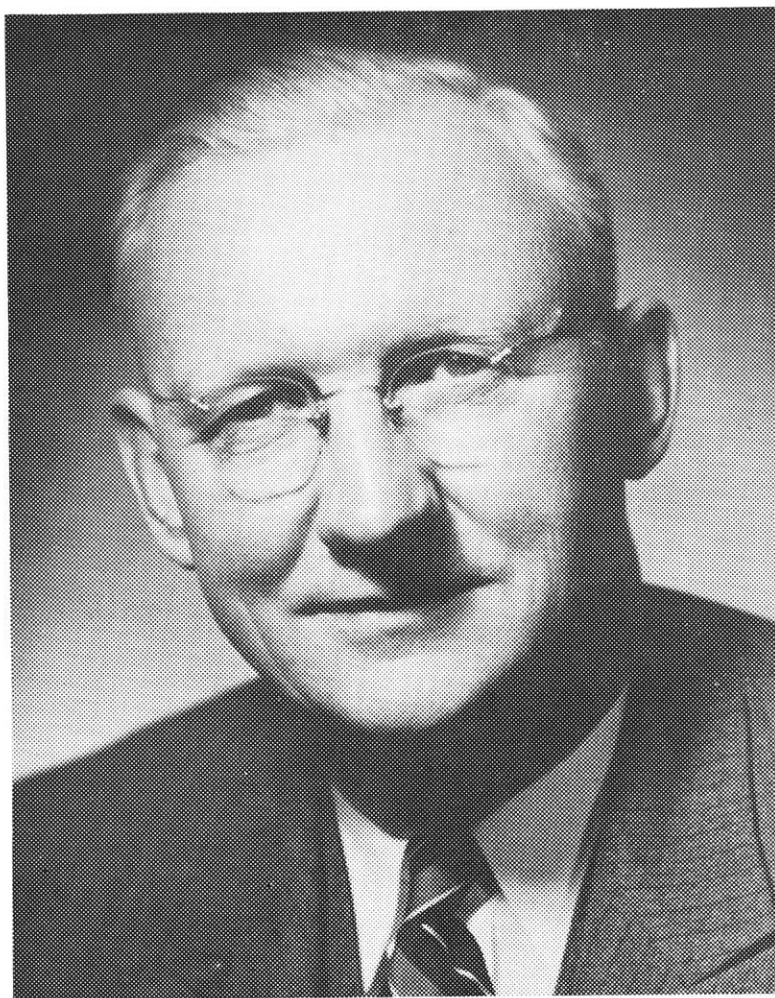
Yours sincerely,

Mackinnon Phillips,

Minister of Health.



HON. MACKINNON PHILLIPS, M.D.
MINISTER OF HEALTH
FOR THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.



HON. GEORGE H. DOUCETT, M.L.A. FOR LANARK
MINISTER OF HIGHWAYS — PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Greetings From The Minister Of Highways

PLEASE ACCEPT my very cordial felicitations on the happy occasion of your Hospital's Golden Jubilee, and I also wish to emphasize how much I appreciate being asked to be one of those sending congratulatory messages for your Golden Jubilee Book.

In the fifty years since your institution was first opened for the care of sufferers needing dedicated hospital care, St. Francis General Hospital has rendered service to thousands in Smiths Falls, Lanark County and adjacent areas of Eastern Ontario. You have most worthily lived up to the selfless teachings of your Patron and exemplified the Divine teachings of our Blessed Lord.

I remember the recent occasion when I was asked to officiate, in a lay capacity, at the opening of your Hospital's fine new wing. As I said then, your institution is serving Ontario people without respect to creed, social status or worldly possessions. It is that sort of service that binds us together as children of one family, the Canadian family. I am sure that your next fifty years will be as illustrious as the first which you are now about to celebrate.

Faithfully yours,

George H. Doucett.

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DR. W. G. BLAIR, M. P.
FOR LANARK

Greetings From The Mayor

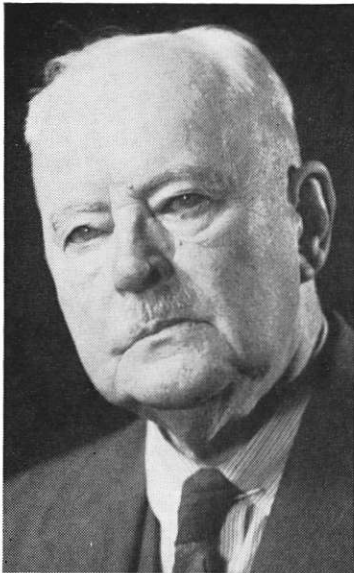


AS MAYOR of Smiths Falls may I take this opportunity to extend greetings and felicitations to the Sister Superior and Sisters on this the Fiftieth Anniversary of the opening of St. Francis General Hospital.

Since that memorable occasion your Hospital has satisfied a great demand and performed a wonderful service to the people of Smiths Falls and vicinity.

Desmond M. Code,

Mayor.



DR. J. T. HOGAN

WITH THE SISTERS of St. Francis General Hospital, I rejoice in the celebrating of the Golden Jubilee. From its small and humble beginning in 1904—a hospital accommodating only twelve beds and staffed by six sisters, I have followed its growth and expansion, year by year. I have witnessed, during nearly fifty years, the selfless devotion to duty in the care of the sick, of the many sisters who have come and gone from St. Francis; and I have been aware of the skill in administration, particularly in those difficult years of world depression. To-day, in the modern up-to-date building which houses the latest triumphs in surgery and medical science, the sisters of St. Francis are reaping the reward of that devotion to the care of His sick.

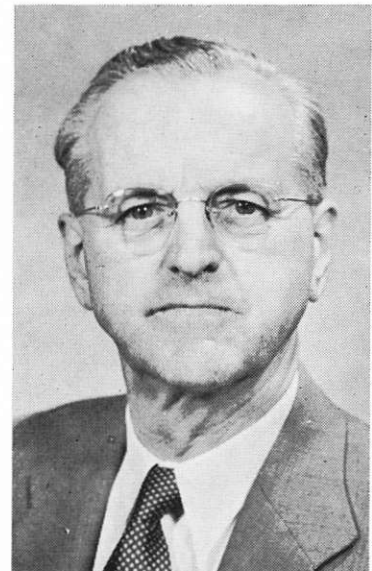
To all who have contributed to the growth and expansion of St. Francis General Hospital, I offer very sincere congratulations, and express the wish that God may bless with continued success the work of the Sisters of Providence as they launch forth on another half century of devoted service to suffering humanity.

J. T. Hogan, M.D.

IT IS WITH great pleasure that I extend, on behalf of the Medical Association of Smiths Falls, sincere congratulations and very kind wishes on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the founding of St. Francis General Hospital. Through its record of achievements over the past half century, St. Francis General Hospital constitutes an active and enduring monument to the progress of medical care.

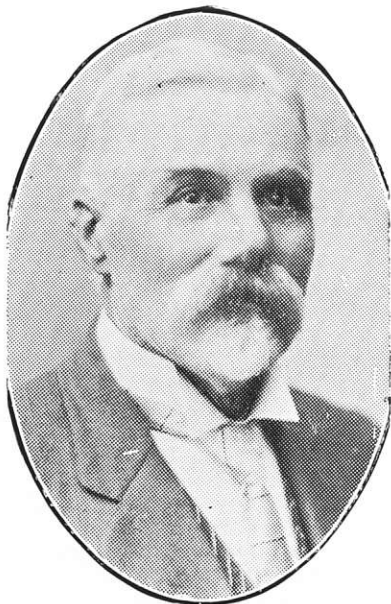
May St. Francis continue to expand and give the same efficient service to this community.

R. J. Walker, M.B.



DR. R. J. WALKER

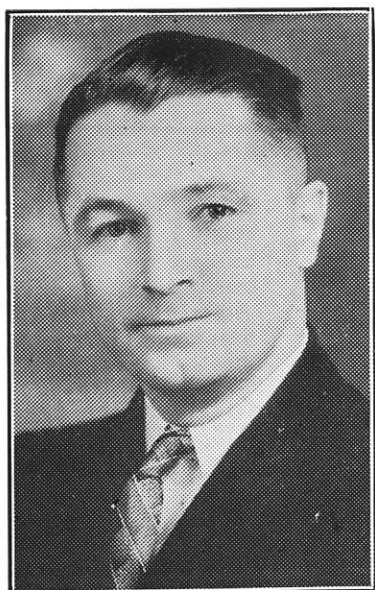
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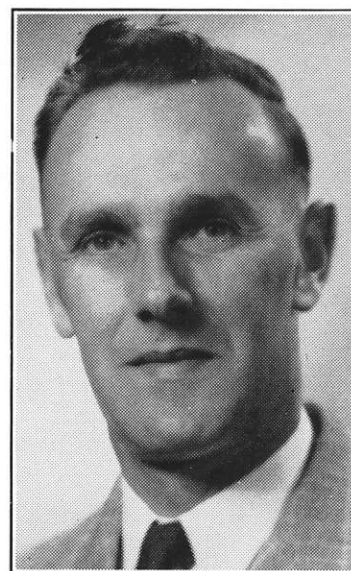
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1904



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1914



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1952



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1954

Brief History Of The Town Of Smiths Falls

"The Old order changeth giving place to the New."

ONE HUNDRED and twenty-seven years ago Smyth's Falls was described by a young surveyor employed in the construction of the Rideau Canal as "an entire wilderness with the exception of an old saw mill erected by Abel Russell Ward for the purpose of sawing lumber and his own log house nearby." To-day, Smiths Falls stands a magnificent monument to its intrepid pioneers—Lanark county's largest town and one of Ontario's important industrial centres.

The history of the development of the settlement and its progress through the years is colourful and rich in interesting detail. In the year 1784, Major Thomas Smythe, a United Empire Loyalist, was awarded four hundred acres of Crown land by the Royal Commission. The grant was made to compensate for hardships suffered because of his loyalty to the British Crown during the American Revolution. Major Smythe had already pushed his way through the forest and settled his family on a farm near Crosby. For him the Royal gift had little value, and in 1810 he mortgaged the four hundred acres to a Boston Merchant, Joseph Sewell, for two hundred and thirty-three pounds. History records that in 1823 Major Smythe, his two sons and his nephew William Merrick "assisted at the raising of a saw mill on Lock Island" which mill was moved shortly afterwards by order of Colonel By, who was in charge of construction on the Rideau Canal. In 1824, when Smythe had not discharged his mortgage, Mr. Sewell brought action for foreclosure of the mortgage and obtained judgment. The following year, at a public auction in Elizabethtown, now Brockville, the land was offered for sale when it became the property of Charles Jones, later the Hon. Charles Jones, for £105. In 1826, Mr. Jones sold the property for £600 to Mr. Abel Russell Ward of Maitland, and the settlement became known as Wardsville. It was but a tiny hamlet hugging the banks of the Rideau and surrounded by dense forest. No roads led to or from it; only narrow trails wound their way through bush and forest.

But the building of the Rideau Canal was to awaken the sleepy little hamlet. James Simpson, one of the surveyors on the canal construction project, was also a man of vision who foresaw in the small settlement a future thriving town. Accordingly, in 1827 he purchased two thirds of the original Royal grant from Abel Ward for fifteen hundred pounds. Ward, also a man of foresight and enterprise, and Simpson became joint owners and immediately began to develop the settlement, erecting grist mills, saw mills and stores. Roads were built to the Bytown road a distance of eight miles, also to Perth, Merrickville and to "Dack's

Tavern" on the post road to Brockville. The district was first surveyed into lots of one fifth of an acre each, in 1829 by John Booth, deputy provincial land surveyor of Elizabethtown (Brockville). Between 1832 and 1840 most of these lots were sold at one hundred and fifty dollars each. The neat little village now boasted a population of seven hundred. There were fifty dwellings, eight stores, a chair factory, a tannery, a cooper shop, a foundry, two flour mills, two saw mills and an oat mill. There were three churches, Methodist, Roman Catholic, and Presbyterian. A stage coach ran daily between Brockville and Perth passing through Smiths Falls and mail was conveyed three times a week to Bytown, Pakenham and Merrickville.

It was in this period that the Frost and Wood Company was founded, when Ebenezer Frost opened a small shop in 1839 in which he made simple plows. The partnership which gives the company its name dates from 1846 when Ebenezer Frost and Alexander Wood constructed a foundry in which they produced stoves as well as plows. Thus the foundation was laid for the present modern manufacturing plant which extends over ten acres and from which machinery has been shipped to all parts of the world.

During the following ten years progress was slower and it was not until 1854 that the village assumed status as an incorporated village and elected its first council, members of which were, J. T. Beckwith, Alexander Clark, Dr. W. H. Burritt, Daniel Tierney and James Burleigh. By order-in-council in 1882, the village became an incorporated town and the name was changed from Smyth's Falls to Smith's Falls, the apostrophe being discarded later. The town was only three years' old when in 1885 the first telephone switchboard was installed in Mr. R. W. Steacey's jewellery store. There were only fifteen telephones in service and subscribers were called by their names rather than by numbers. Prior to this date an enterprising citizen, Dr. J. S. McCallum, had a telephone service between his residence and his drug store.

The story of the Malleable company had its beginning in 1880 when William Frost and Charles Jones formed a partnership for the manufacture of Malleable Iron castings. Mr. Frost later purchased his partner's interest and in 1903, the Malleable Iron Works was incorporated under the name "The Smiths Falls Malleable Castings", one of Ontario's reliable firms.

A railroad connecting Brockville with Smyth's Falls was completed in 1857, and in 1858 the first train, two wooden coaches drawn by a wood-burning

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engine took ten hours to make the journey between the two places. When in 1886 the town council granted a \$25,000 bonus to the Canadian Pacific Railway, the construction of a line between Montreal and Smiths Falls was begun. Soon Smiths Falls became an important divisional centre. With the building of the round house and depot, sometime later, an era of expansion and prosperity began; progress from that date has been steady. There is much truth in the statement "the C.P.R. is the life-blood of Smiths Falls".

Smiths Falls did not boast a newspaper until the "Rideau Gleaners" made its appearance in 1858. The Smiths Falls Review, edited by Milne and Keith, was published between 1863 and 1868. In 1874 Mr. William Keith established the Smiths Falls Times. The first edition of the Rideau Record, established by Mr. G. F. McKimm in 1887, was published in a small suite of rooms over Dr. J. S. McCallum's drug store, the store now owned by Mr. L. A. Wilson. This paper survived the years and to-day as The Record-News, edited by Mr. Dobbie, is Smiths Falls' only newspaper. The name was changed when the

News, purchased by Mr. Harry Sutton, amalgamated with The Rideau-Record.

To-day, Smiths Falls, with a population of nearly nine thousand, is Lanark County's largest town, its fine residential, up-to-date business and industrial districts occupying an area of 1030 acres. An outstanding feature of the town is its unusually wide paved streets, which even in 1893 attracted the attention of the visitor for in a January 1893 issue of the Toronto Globe, mention is made of the "very broad and well lighted thoroughfares".

Smiths Falls possesses its own modern water-works, filtration plant and hydro electric system. Four public schools, one separate and a Collegiate Institute provide for the education of its nearly two thousand students. Beautiful parks are the pride of the citizens and the joy of the many tourists. The town boasts a memorial community centre and a municipal swimming pool sponsored by the local Rotary Club. Two hospitals, modernly equipped, St. Francis General and Chambers Memorial, serve

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Last Graduating Class

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St. Francis General Hospital Nurses-in-Training School 1932

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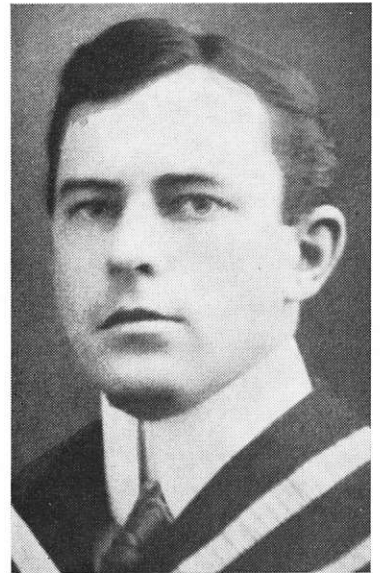
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Medical Staff — 1904 - 05



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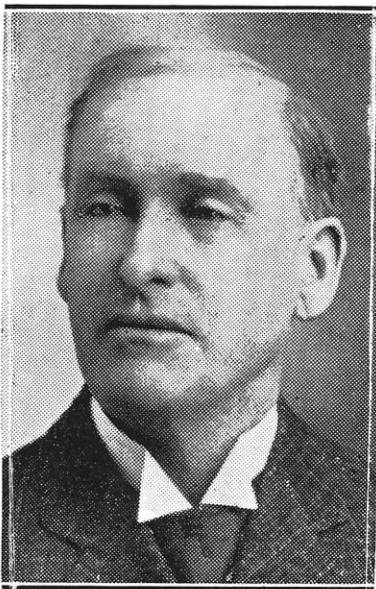
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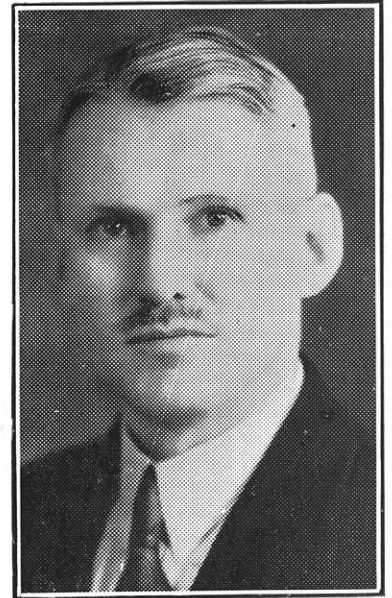
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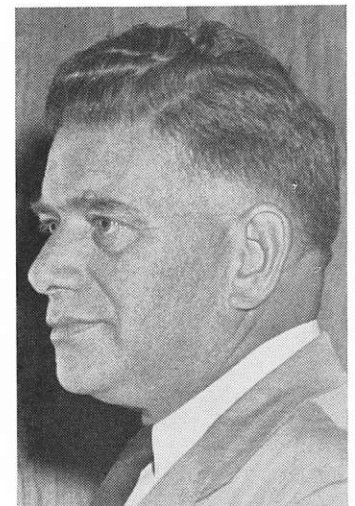
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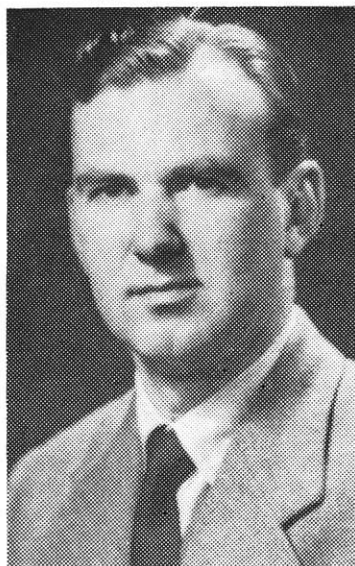
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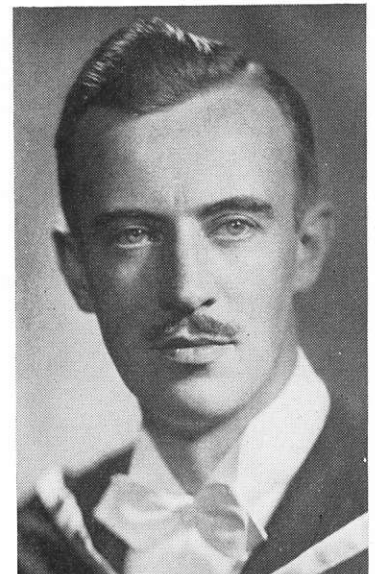
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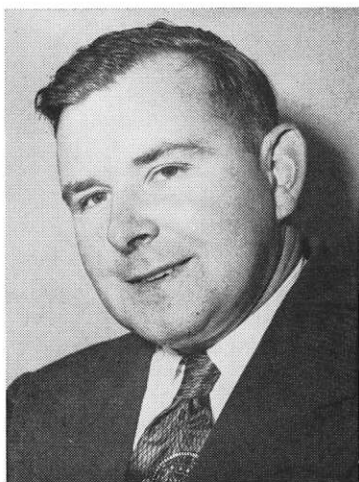


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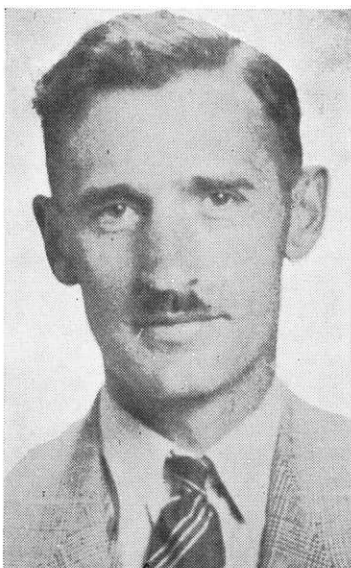
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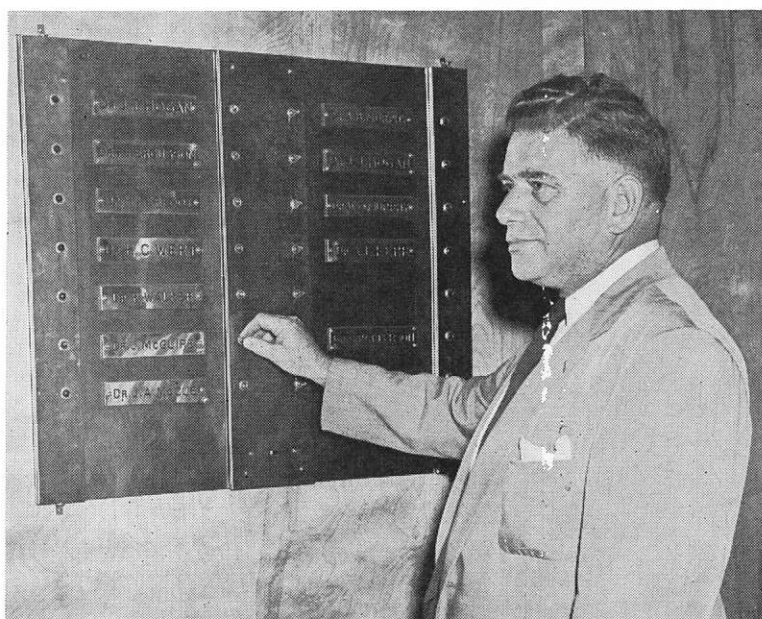
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(JASPER)



DR. R. J. BARR
(MERRICKVILLE)



DR. NORMAN KERR
(ELGIN)



DOCTORS' IN AND OUT REGISTER



THE CHAPEL



THE COAT OF ARMS of the Sisters of Providence is mounted on a silver shield, the silver denoting hope. The two Arms of Kingston in red, represent the Mother House in Kingston, the red for Charity. In the upper left the maple leaf stands for Canada ; on the right the fleur-de-lis of France symbolizes the patron saint, St. Vincent de Paul. In the lower corner is a heart, representing the Heart of our Blessed Lady pierced with the sword of sorrow. Partly encircling the shields is a silver band on which is inscribed the motto of the Sisters of Providence, "Cor Cariati Sacrum"—a heart consecrated to Charity.

*"To Preserve and Restore Health to the Sick;
To Seek the Cause and Cure of Diseases;
To Educate those who would Serve Humanities."*

The Care Of The Sick

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The care of the sick has long been regarded as a duty of enlightened society. In pre-Christian times the Greeks, even as a pagan people, received medical care at the various temples of Aesculapius, the popular sanatoria of their day. These cultured pagans gave us Hippocrates, the father of medicine.

Christianity made the care of the sick a moral obligation. St. Luke, the beloved physician, shows us in his writings his sympathy, understanding, and keen insight into human nature and frailty, the attributes of the perfect physician. From earliest Christian times holy men and women dedicated themselves to the care of the infirm. Monastic groups founded sick and lazar houses and often, so long ago, such zeal carried with it the certainty of death by epidemic and plague.

Much of our recorded knowledge was preserved through the centuries by early monastic writings. The case records and treatises of Theodorick make us wonder if the dark ages were really so dark.

In recent centuries nursing, as a profession complementing the art of healing, has been practised by various orders of holy women and today many of our finest hospitals are manned by one or other of these nursing orders. Although the approach is now scientific, the Christian virtues and those intangibles that make up the art of medicine are still present.



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the sick and maimed of the town and vicinity. Smiths Falls is proud of the many beautiful churches which provide for the spiritual welfare of all denominations. The ten industrial companies located within the town limits justify her claim to be designated one of Ontario's most important industrial centres. In the Smiths Falls of 1954, the dream of that young surveyor, James Simpson, has been realized.

The community of 1954 still looks to its river, its factories, its railway and its homes as the central motifs in the pattern sketched by its history, and pays homage to the accomplishments of its fore-

fathers. This is well for nearly two hundred years ago, Edmund Burke said :

"Those only should utter the sacred name of progress whose souls possess intelligence enough to comprehend the past, and religion enough to reverence its greatness."

Across Canada to-day, a new movement is stimulating a lively interest in community progress. And, in Smiths Falls, too, measures are being adopted for the assimilation of the nineteenth century features with twentieth century methods for the building of a finer Smiths Falls.



Staff

St. Francis General Hospital

SEATED — LEFT TO RIGHT

SISTER MARY JOSEPHINE; SISTER MARY PATRICE
SISTER MARY MICHAEL.

STANDING — LEFT TO RIGHT

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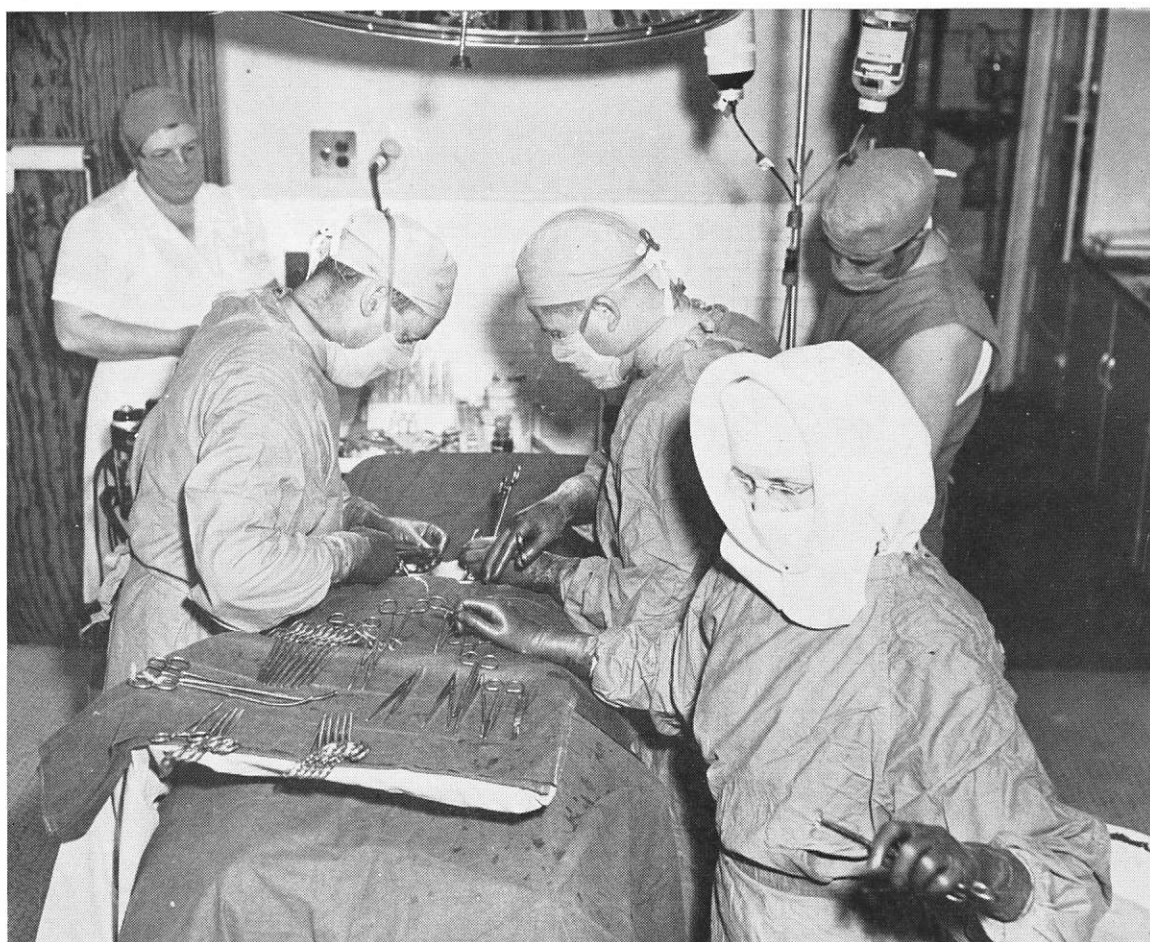


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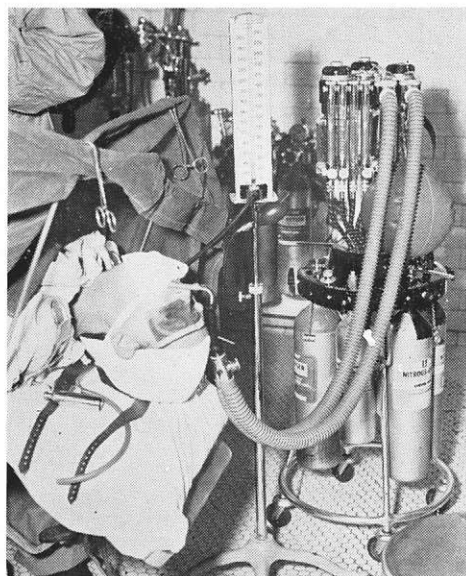
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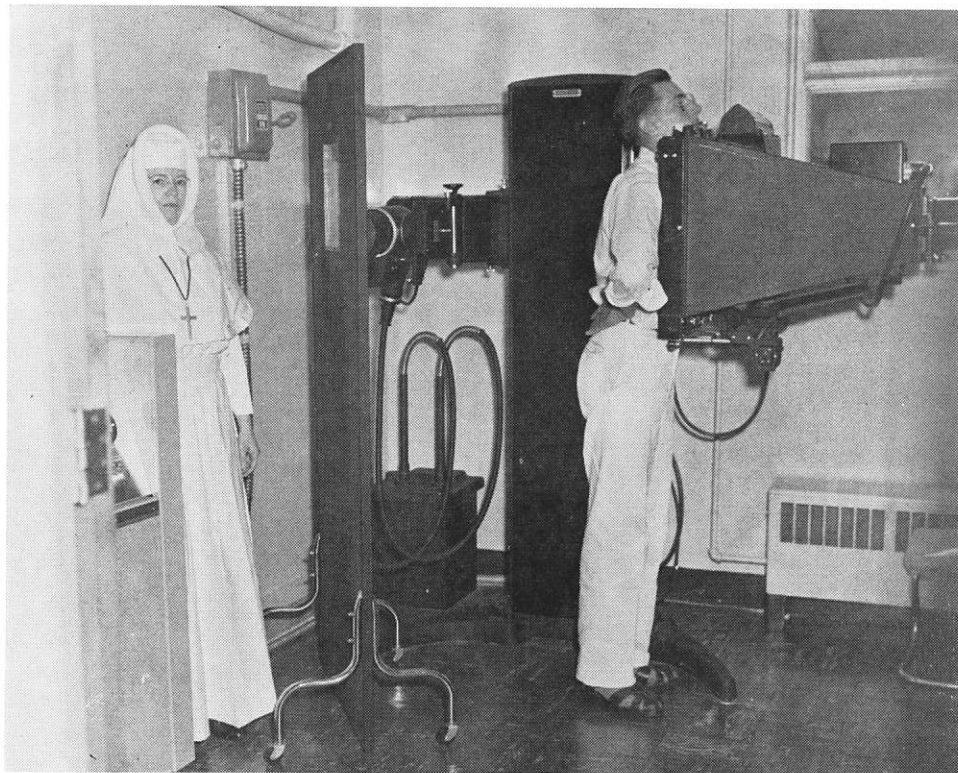
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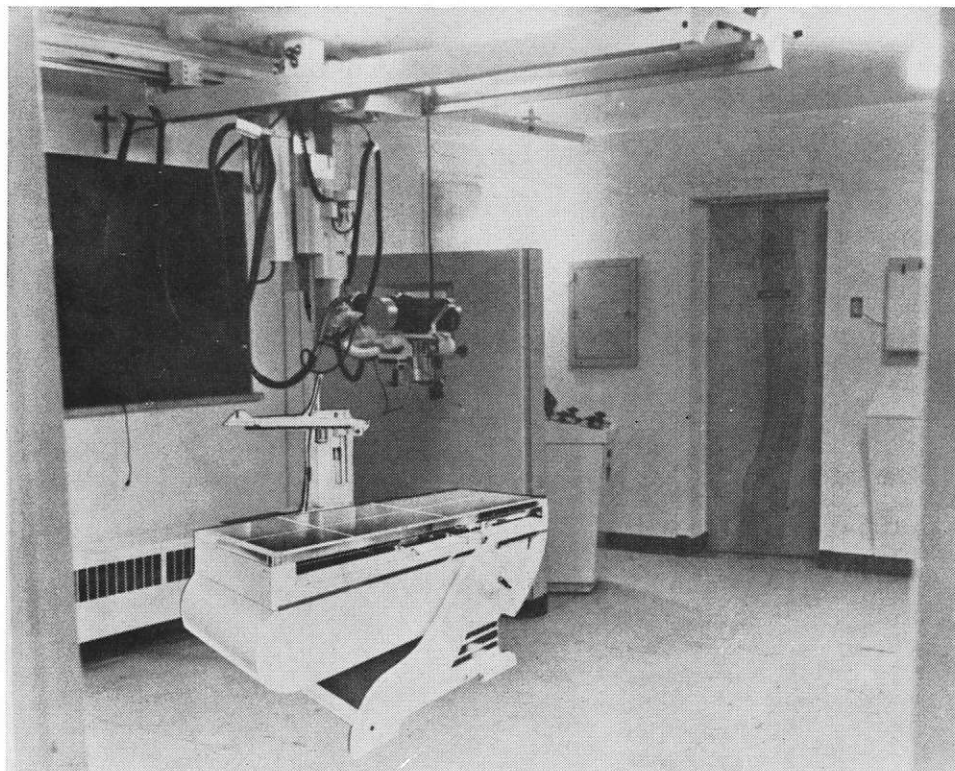
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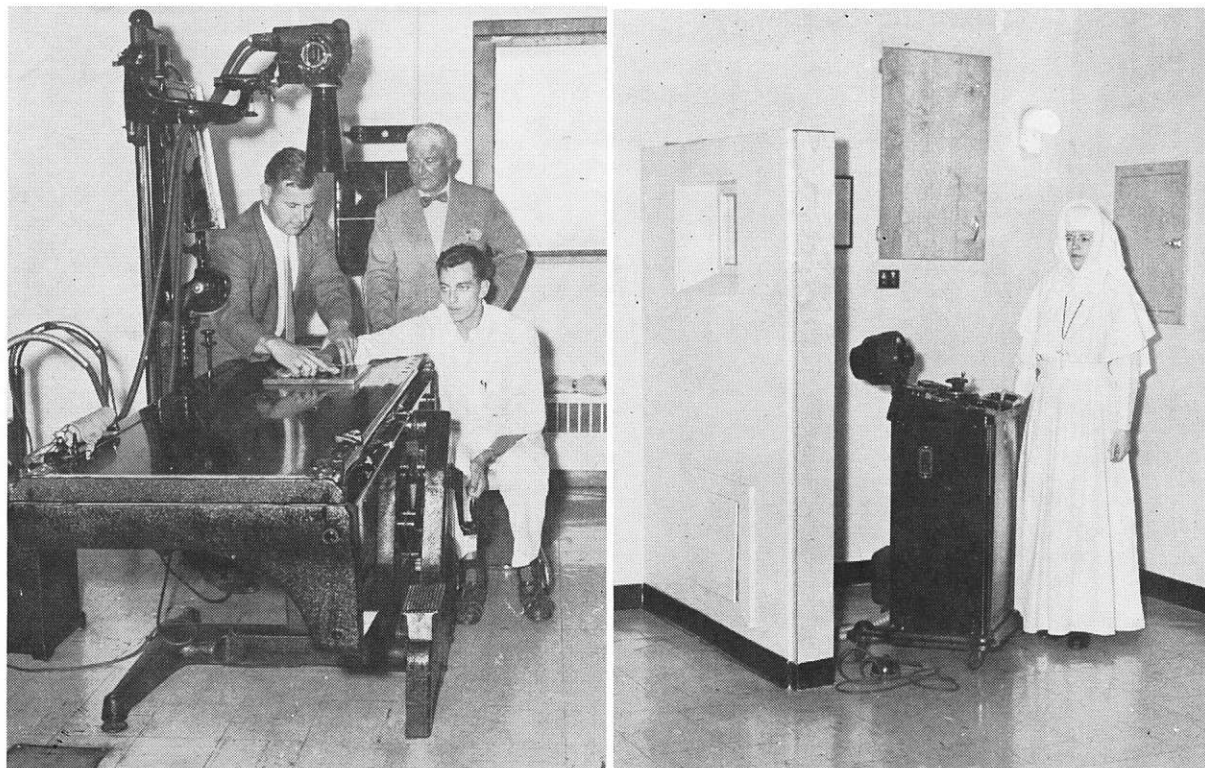
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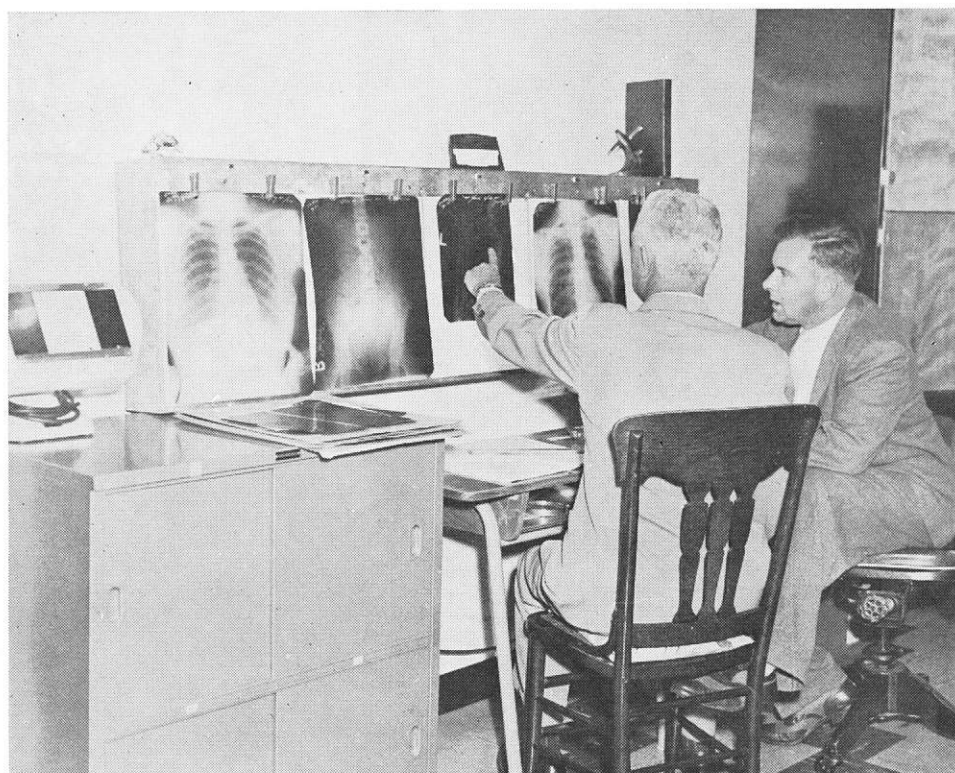
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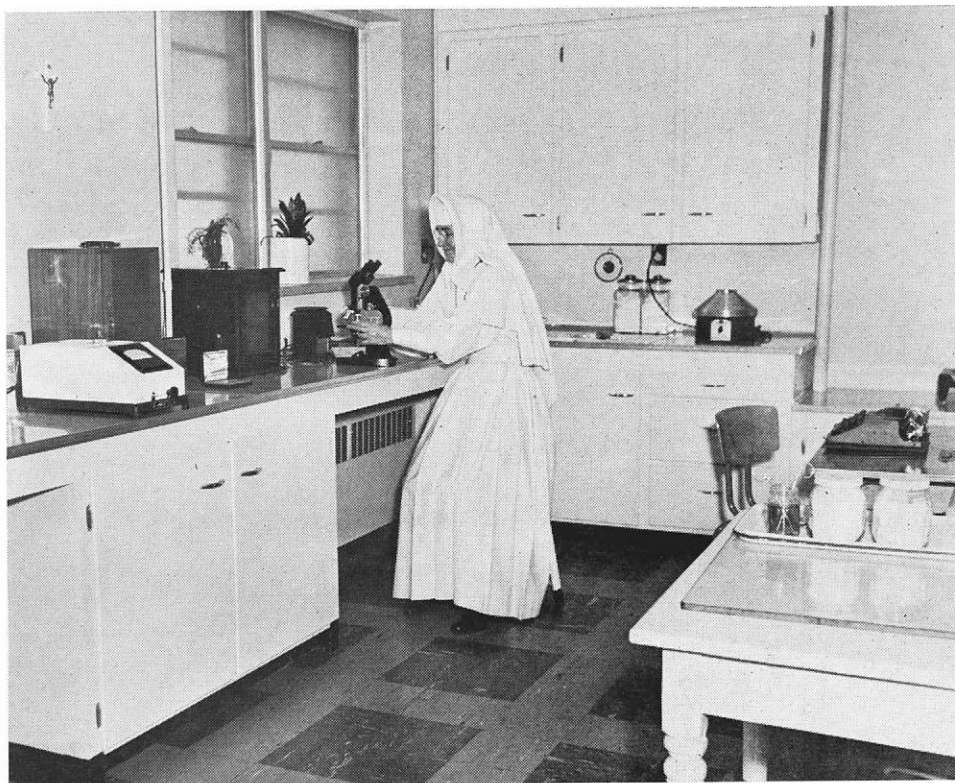


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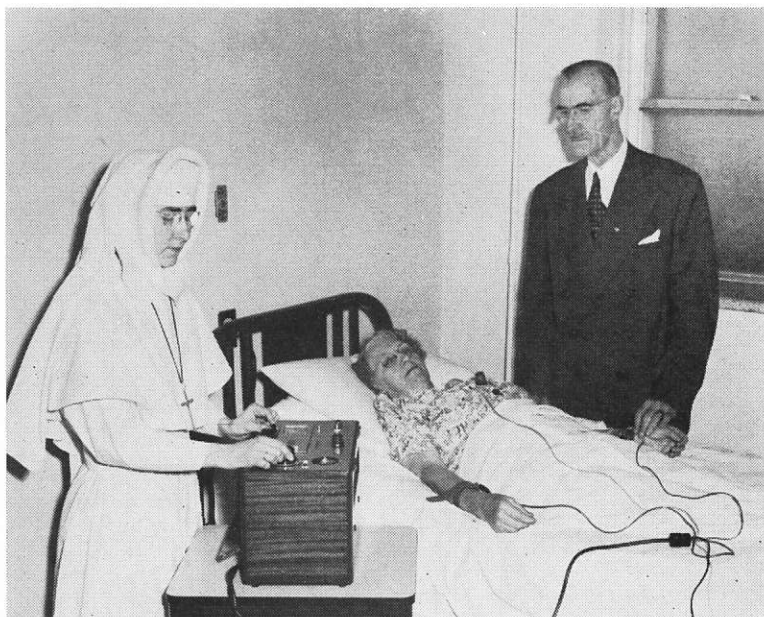


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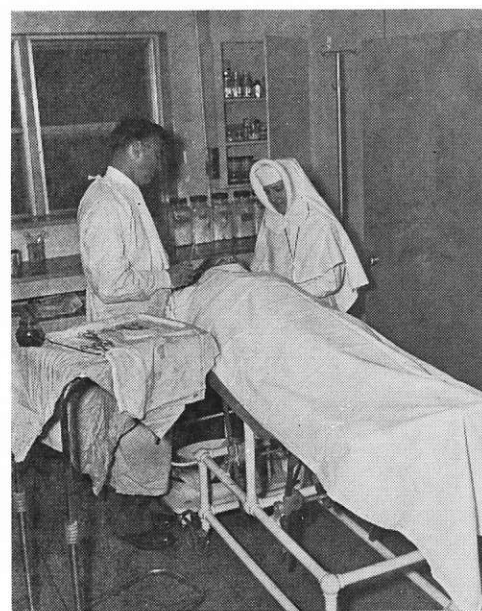
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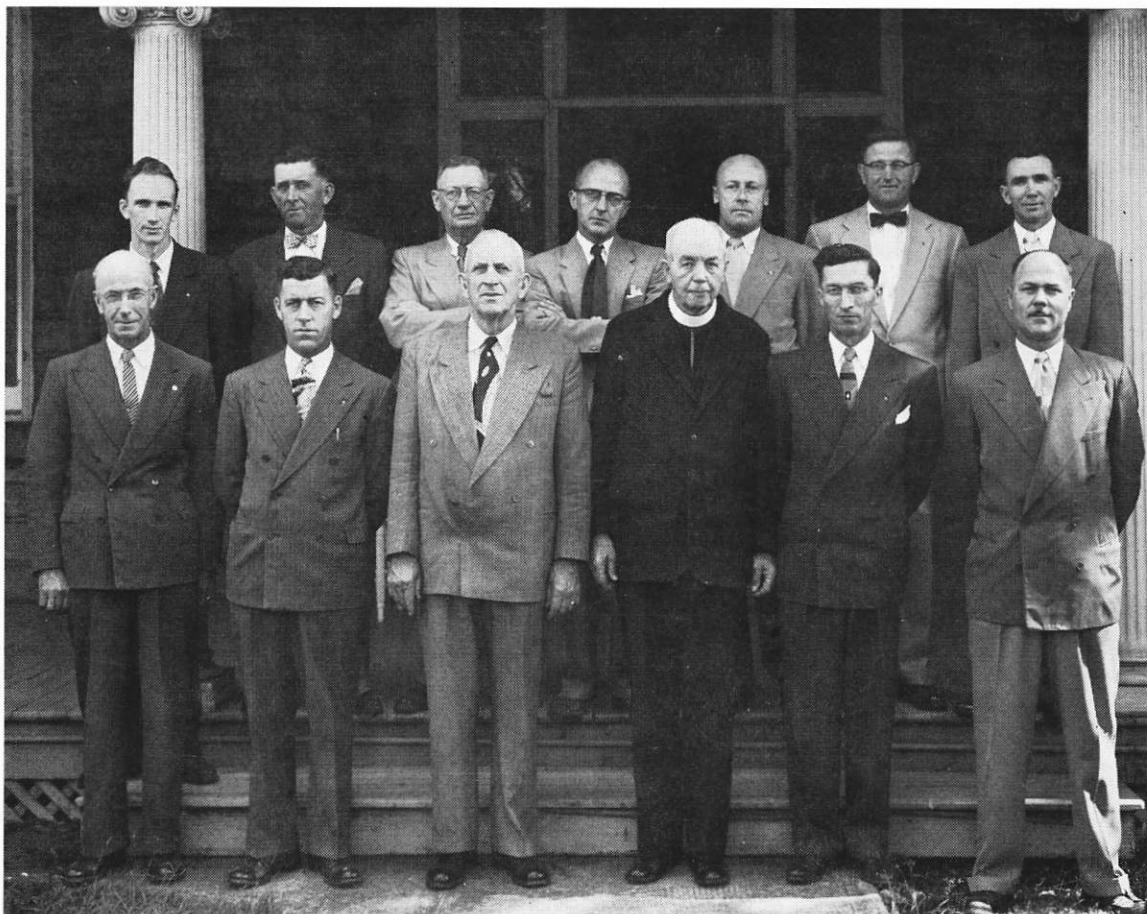
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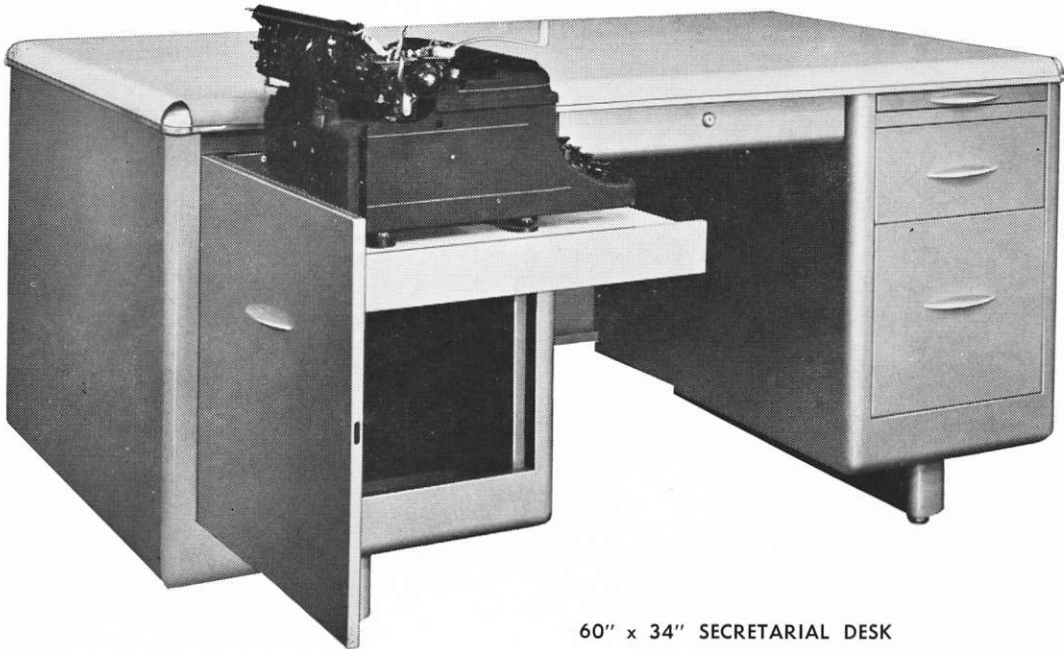


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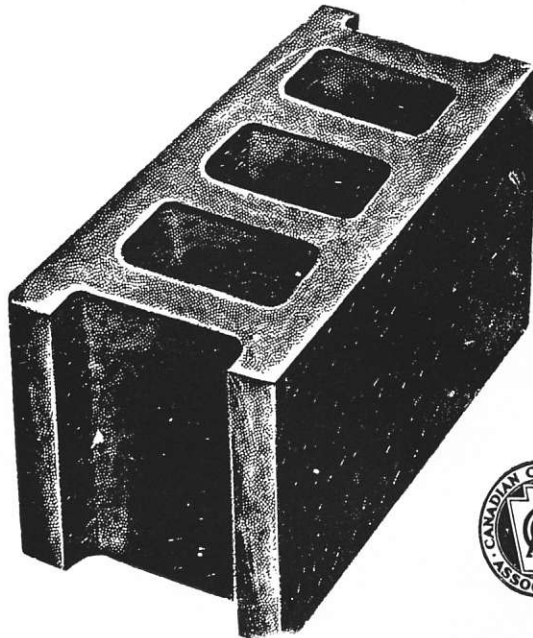
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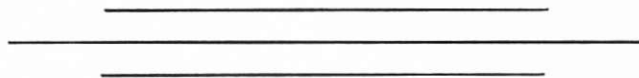
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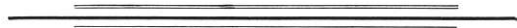
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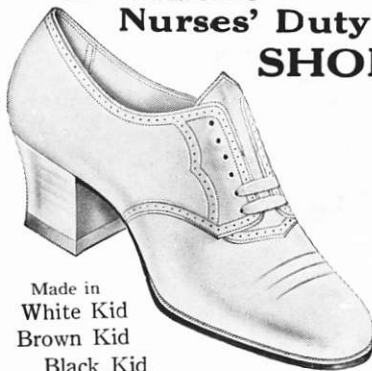


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