



The *Great* Canadian Catholic Hospital History Project

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.



Projet de la *Grande* Histoire des hôpitaux catholiques au Canada

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. Joseph's Hospital Edmonton, Alberta Twenty-fifth Anniversary 1927-1952

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"EST NAM CERTA
QUIES FESSIS
VENIENTIBUS ILLUC"

TWENTY-FIFTH
ANNIVERSARY

(1927 - 1952)

ST. JOSEPH'S
HOSPITAL

EDMONTON, ALBERTA

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ARCHIVES Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul Kingston, Ontario

"Counting the Years unto the Year of Jubilee"

Leviticus, XXV; V.

Commemorating the
Twenty-fifth Anniversary
of
St. Joseph's Hospital
1927 - 1952
Edmonton, Alberta

Dedication

To St. Vincent de Paul, Apostle of Charity and chief patron of the Sisters of Providence, Kingston, Ontario, and to our beloved Archbishop, the Most Reverend J. H. MacDonald, D.D., who has at all times given a paternal, kindly encouragement to us in the exercise of the Spiritual and Corporal works of Mercy performed in this Institution, we gratefully and affectionately dedicate this record of achievements.

Acknowledgments

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HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS XII



The Story of St. Joseph's Hospital

(By John Patrick Gillese)

The year was 1927, and Alberta was literally changing hands. The pioneers who had broken the flat prairie sod and carved the first small farms from the encircling bush-land could toil no more. Their work must be taken over by their sons and daughters and the stream of new immigrants arriving from Europe. But what of those who had blazed the trail? Many had no place to rest in their old age, none left to care for them.

Archbishop H. J. O'Leary, whose heart was in the west and in the people who had built it, was moved by compassion for all the aged and infirm of his diocese. He was determined to do something about their plight.

His first move was to contact the Sisters of Providence of Kingston, Ontario. This Institute of Sisters was founded in Canada in 1861, with St. Vincent de Paul as its chief Patron. From its inception, members were noted for the Corporal Works of Mercy they performed in the manner of their illustrious patron. Even in Alberta, the Sisters had made outstanding contributions to community and social welfare. Arriving in 1908 (three years after Alberta became a province) they founded a hospital at Daysland. In 1915, they were invited to come to Edmonton and take charge of Rosary Hall, a "home away from home" for business girls and young women. In 1924, they had opened their second hospital, this time at Camrose. In 1926, they had founded a boys' orphanage — St. Mary's Home, now in North Edmonton. In the east, they had been especially noted for their care of the sick and infirm. . . and now

Archbishop O'Leary was hopeful that they would undertake this great outstanding work of mercy.

In the autumn of 1927, the Mother House in Kingston sent Sisters M. Angel Guardian and M. Alacoque to Edmonton to meet the Archbishop. The old "Whyte Block," a landmark on the South Side, was for sale. The Sisters looked it over thoroughly and considered it suitable. Archbishop O'Leary authorized purchase of the building and the first Old People's Home in Edmonton became a reality.

That was, as it turned out, only the beginning.

By 1931, it was apparent that more than a "home for the aged" was needed — a hospital was necessary to care for the chronically ill. The Alberta Government was approached and through the Hon. Dr. Hoadley, Minister of Health, St. Joseph's Hospital obtained the title of "Hospital For the Chronically Ill" — and to the present time remains the only such institution in Edmonton. To it come those who will never be well again — children as young as two years, patients as old as 96. The first patient admitted to the hospital under its new name was a Mr. Jonas Wilen.

But Alberta was no longer an infant province. As Dr. Bow, of the Provincial Department of Public Health, was to declare some years later, "The province is not as young as it is considered to be"; and in the care of the aged lay "a duty we owe to those who laid the foundations in this great new province." Very soon, the Sisters were in desperate need of increased facilities to care for the chronically

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ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO
Chancery Office

200 Church Street,
Toronto, Ontario.
March 4, 1952.

Very Reverend Mother M. Anselm, Superior,
St. Joseph's Hospital,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Very Reverend and dear Mother:

I regret that I cannot be with you for the Silver Anniversary of St. Joseph's Hospital, Edmonton.

When St. Joseph's started, I knew it very well and recall the beginnings which were relatively modest but imbued with charity and the love of God. Your Hospital has grown and developed greatly and it is only natural that you should take a legitimate pride in all that it has accomplished for the sick.

I therefore gladly join with your own beloved Archbishop and the clergy of Edmonton in your rejoicing and wish you continued success in your great work for Christ in His sick and poor.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

† JAMES CARDINAL MCGUIGAN,
Archbishop of Toronto.

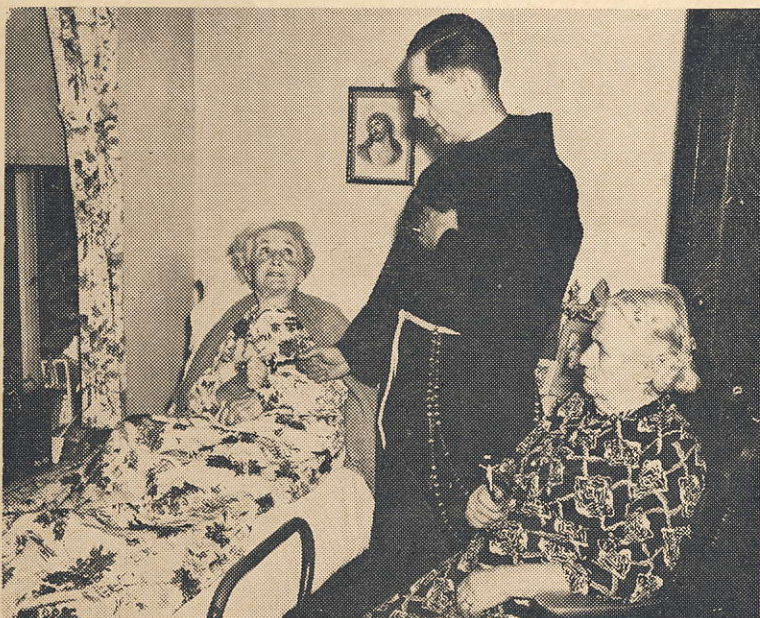
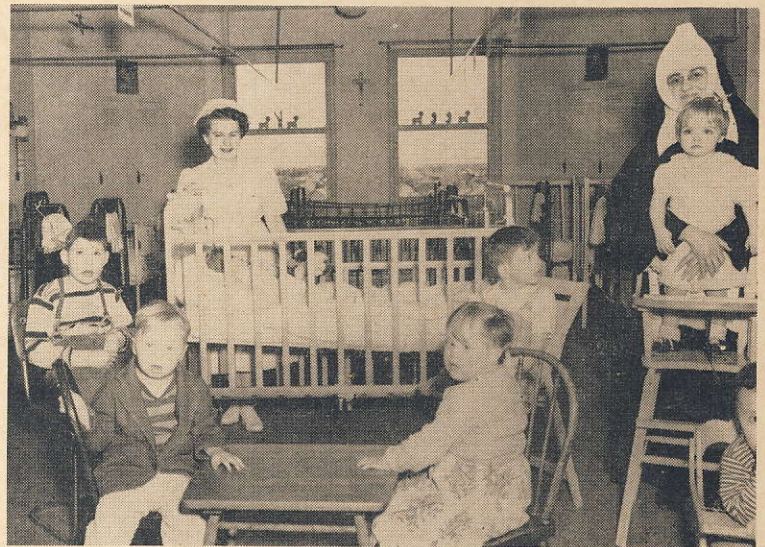


Entrance to Original Building

JOHN PATRICK GILLESE,

author of the two main articles appearing in this book is a well known short-story writer. Born in Ireland he came to Alberta when very young and began to write when he was fourteen. For the past eighteen years he has been a regular contributor to Catholic magazines and to a wide variety of secular publications.

Pediatrics Department



Franciscan Priest visits members of Third Order of St. Francis

Room 205, St. Joseph's Hospital,
South Edmonton, Alberta,
March 18, 1952.

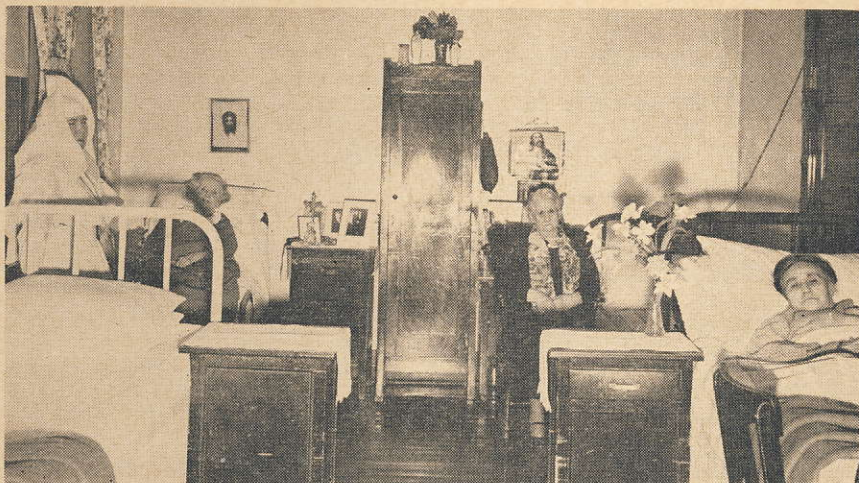
A Message from a Patient:

In view of the prospective celebration of St. Joseph's Hospital, allow me, who with my wife, have been domiciled for two years within its Christian folds, to make our contribution to this event. I have just reported to a correspondent in New Zealand our happy and fortunate circumstances under these auspices. We have been waited on by day and by night like royalty itself; we have been the recipients of every comfort which love or friendship could bestow, and surely in that great day when time shall be no more, those who have waited on us with such assiduous care during these years will receive from the Great King Himself, the highest of all awards, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of My brethren, ye have done it unto Me". (Matt. 25:40).

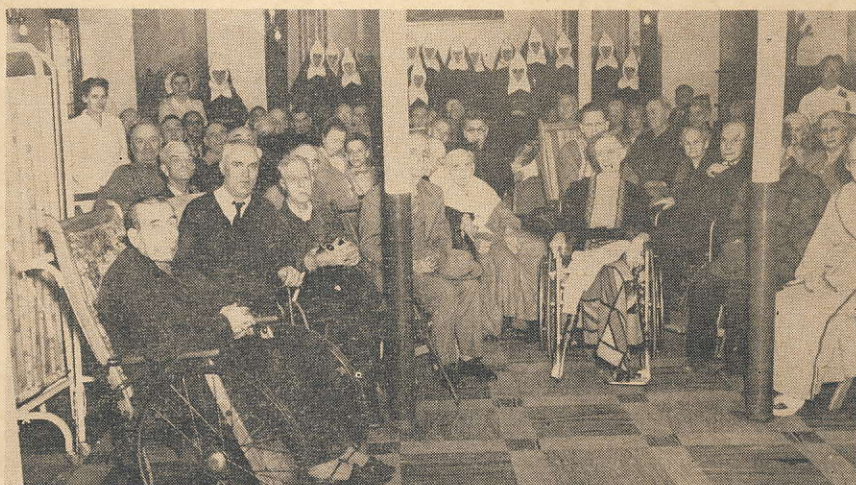
D. C. McTavish.



His Excellency Most Reverend Ildebrando Antoniutti
Apostolic Delegate to Canada and Newfoundland



Women's
Semi-private
Ward
in the
East Wing



Group
of Patients
with Staff in
Concert Hall

Entertainments
Sponsored by the
Ladies' Auxiliary
are given regularly.



Men's
Semi-private
Ward
in the
East Wing

Message from the Archbishop of Kingston

ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE

Kingston, Ontario

With the fond eyes of a mother watching her children's success, the home-diocese of the Sisters of Providence has followed the progress of St. Joseph's Hospital, Edmonton, since the Sisters left here twenty-five years ago to manage that institution of charity and human welfare. God has blessed the work with phenomenal success. We gladly pay our tribute of appreciation and gratitude to the Sisters who were pioneers in this work and to their successors down to the present Superior and Staff. The prayers, sacrifices and toils of all of them have been woven into the success-story of St. Joseph's Hospital. Its Silver Jubilee shows how young is this thriving hospital. We hope it has a long and glorious future ahead of it, and that the Sisters of Providence of Kingston will share in its renown.

† J. A. O'SULLIVAN,
Archbishop of Kingston.



Motherhouse of the
Sisters of Providence,
Kingston, Ontario.

The Sisters of Providence

The Sisters of Providence of Kingston direct hospitals, schools, homes, orphanages, etc., in different parts of Canada. This Institute was founded in Kingston, ninety-one years ago by the Bishop of the Diocese, Rt. Rev. E. J. Horan. Seeing the need of such a community in his diocese, His Excellency appealed to the Bishop of Montreal, Msgr. Bourget, and in answer to his invitation, the Sisters of Providence of Montreal, generously accepted the undertaking.

In was in 1861, on December 13th, that four zealous and devoted members of the Montreal Community arrived in Kingston. The Sisters commenced without delay their arduous works of mercy. They visited the sick, admitted and cared for the aged, the infirm and the homeless little ones. In a short time they had the consolation of seeing the new organization on a firm footing.

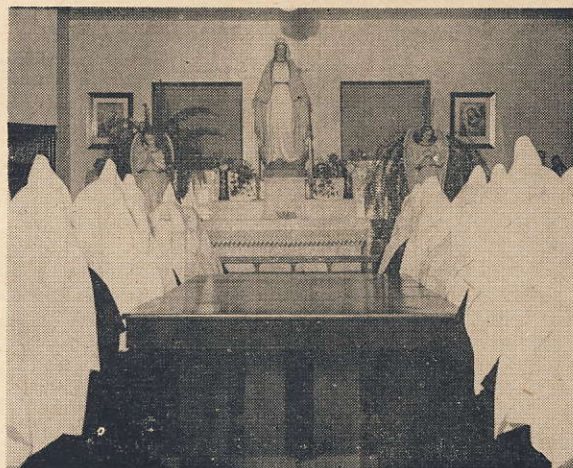
At the expiration of five years the foundresses returned to their Mother House in Montreal, placing the management of the infant community under the capable guidance of the first professed candidate, Mother Mary Edward (McKinley). The Kingston foundation established as an independent branch, became the Mother House of the English-speaking Sisters of Providence in Canada.

From a small beginning the Community soon increased in numbers, enabling the Institute to extend its charitable ministrations to other Dioceses. We find the Sisters in their many schools engaged in the primary and higher education of youth; in their hospitals and other institutions, caring for the sick, the aged and infirm, and the orphan. The educational and charitable institutions in charge of these Sisters are to be found flourishing in several dioceses of Canada, both in the East and in the West.

The Mother House and Novitiate of the Sisters of Providence, in the Archdiocese of Kingston, are located in Kingston, Ontario.

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SISTERS IN TRAINING



Novices at Prayer



Indcor Games



THE LATE ARCHBISHOP O'LEARY

Moved by compassion for the aged His Excellency, Archbishop O'Leary, invited the Sisters of Providence from Kingston to open an institution in Edmonton. Under his direction the Sisters purchased a site for the present St. Joseph's Hospital. He was always keenly interested in the progress of the work here and in the welfare of the patients. The Sisters of Providence owe an immense debt of gratitude to the late Archbishop for his devotedness in the interests of the work they are doing for aged and infirm of the province of Alberta.

Sisters in Training



Novices at Recreation



Sewing Room

THE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE

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"Heathfield", a thirty-acre property on the western border of the city of Kingston, Ontario, is the site of the Mother House and Novitiate of the Sisters of Providence. Here is the proving ground of the religious who will staff our hospitals, orphanages, and schools. Yet with the exception of helping in the care of the aged or invalid sisters, and a few hours a day in the orphanage which adjoins the Novitiate house, the future religious are not engaged in the external works of the Institute.

The object of the Novitiate is to give the novice a solid formation in the religious life; to form her mind by means of the study of the Rules and Constitutions of the Institute, by means of meditation and prayer, and instructions on those matters which pertain to the vows and virtues. It also inspires the novice with the religious spirit proper to the Institute, the spirit of the founder, St. Vincent de Paul, a spirit characterized by the virtues of Humility, Simplicity, and Charity.

But do the novices do nothing all day but study the religious life and pray? Oh, yes! They help in the domestic duties of the house; they learn needle work; they are taught the duties of sacristan; and they are given careful training in singing, especially Gregorian Chant. Moreover, in order that health and happiness may go hand in hand with holiness, they have every day two hours of recreation. The spacious grounds afford opportunities for basketball, volley ball and soft ball, for walks down the farm lane, and for picnics in a grove all their own. And when the weather prevents indulgence in outdoor sports, they have sing-songs or folk dancing around the piano or record-player in the sun-room.

During all this time the novices are being observed and studied by Superiors, and they are studying themselves. They come to know their capabilities as well as their defects, and their aptitude for the works of the Institute. When the two years of probation are over the Superiors, aided by the light obtained in earnest prayer, are able to decide for which work of the Order each novice is best fitted. Then the young religious, strong in the joy of her consecration to Our Lord, goes out to begin her training for the active life of nursing, or cooking, caring for the infirm or teaching. Her work in any field will be great in proportion as she brings to it the spirit with which she was imbued in the Novitiate, the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, the spirit of Humility, Simplicity, and Charity.



Chapel



At Study



Greetings from the Archbishop of Edmonton



Dear Sister Superior:

Thank you for the kind invitation to your Silver Jubilee Celebration on May 17 and 18th, to commemorate the opening of St. Joseph's Hospital. Barring accidents not altogether unusual to those in advancing years, I shall be with you to thank God for His infinite mercies, and for the many opportunities given you to serve His nobility, the suffering poor, with patience and charity.

Twenty-five years may not be a very long time in the history of general hospital service; but it is a fairly long period in the history of hospital service to incurables. It is also a long time in the history of combined home and hospital service to the aged, who under modern conditions, are not welcome even in the homes of their children.

I feel sure that I am voicing the sentiments of the great majority of the people of this Province when I thank you most sincerely for the devoted service you are rendering those who, though no longer able to maintain homes of their own, still appreciate what the Irish poet called the luxury of clean sheets.

Many of those who have shared your hospitality might otherwise have enjoyed some degree of comfort, but the others would have been in pitiable circumstances. In this connection, it has been a matter of grave concern to learn that on several occasions during the past year, you were obliged to refuse applications from old people, some of whom were anxious to receive that spiritual aid denied them so often in the past because of unfavorable circumstances.

God grant that your good work continue during the years to come. May He bless it a hundredfold and provide you also with the kind, patient workers so necessary for its fruitful and satisfactory performance.

Sincerely in Christ,

J. H. Macdonald

Archbishop of Edmonton.

March 22, 1952.

Superiors of St. Joseph's Hospital
since its foundation.

"And He hath compassion on them
and cured their sick".
St. Matthew, XIV, 14.



Sister M. Monica
1929 - 1930



Sister M. Alacoque
1930 - 1936
1946 - 1948



Sister M. A. Guardian
Foundress of St. Joseph's
Hospital, in 1927



Sister M. Clotilda
1936 - 1942



Sister M. Martin
1942 - 1946



Mother M. Alban
1948 - 1950



Mother M. Anselm
1950 -



The Hon. J. J. Bowlen, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta

OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Legislative Building
Edmonton, Alberta

On the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of St. Joseph's Hospital it is a pleasure to extend greetings to the Reverend Sisters, Staff and patients and to ask a continuation of God's blessings on the Hospital and its noble purpose.

There surely is no finer vocation than that of devoting one's life to the care of the sick, the infirm and the afflicted. During the first twenty-five years of ministration at St. Joseph's, those who have made its work their vocation have earned the deep gratitude, not only of the patients, but of all Christian men and women.

Likewise, praise is due to those who, as members of the Hospital Auxiliary, have assisted in tangible manner the Sisters and Staff in making life more endurable for those suffering and unable to help themselves.

My sincere good wishes go to all at St. Joseph's. May the next quarter century be blessed with even greater achievement in the practice of Christian charity.

JOHN J. BOWLEN,
Lieutenant Governor.

MESSAGE FROM HON. E. C. MANNING

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to convey on behalf of the Government of Alberta sincere congratulations to the administrators and staff of St. Joseph's Hospital on the occasion of the Silver Anniversary of the founding of the institution. There is no more worthwhile achievement than the care and relief from suffering extended daily during the past twenty-five years by St. Joseph's Hospital and I am glad to extend my best wishes for a continuation of this work for many more years in the future.

E. C. MANNING.

The Hon. E. C. Manning,
Premier of Alberta



During the
holiday season
the Novices enjoy
a period of relaxation
away from
the Novitiate



Here we see them
boating, fishing
and enjoying a
Weiner Roast

Staff of
St. Joseph's
Hospital,
Edmonton





Rt. Rev. M. C. O'Neill, Archbishop of Regina

BISHOP'S RESIDENCE
255 Nicola Street P.O. Box 303
Kamloops, British Columbia

March 3, 1952.

Rev. Sister M. Anselm, Superior,
St. Joseph's Hospital,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Sister Superior,

I wish to thank you very sincerely for your thoughtful invitation to attend the celebration of the Silver Anniversary of the Hospital, May 17 and 18. If I am able to come, I shall be very happy to be there for this occasion.

Asking God to bless you and all the Sisters, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† E. Q. JENNINGS,
Bishop of Kamloops.

ARCHDIOCESE OF REGINA
Regina, Sask.

Chancery Office
2107 Garnet Street

March 10, 1952.

Rev. Sister M. Anselm, Superior,

St. Joseph's Hospital,
Edmonton, Alberta.
Dear Reverend Sister:

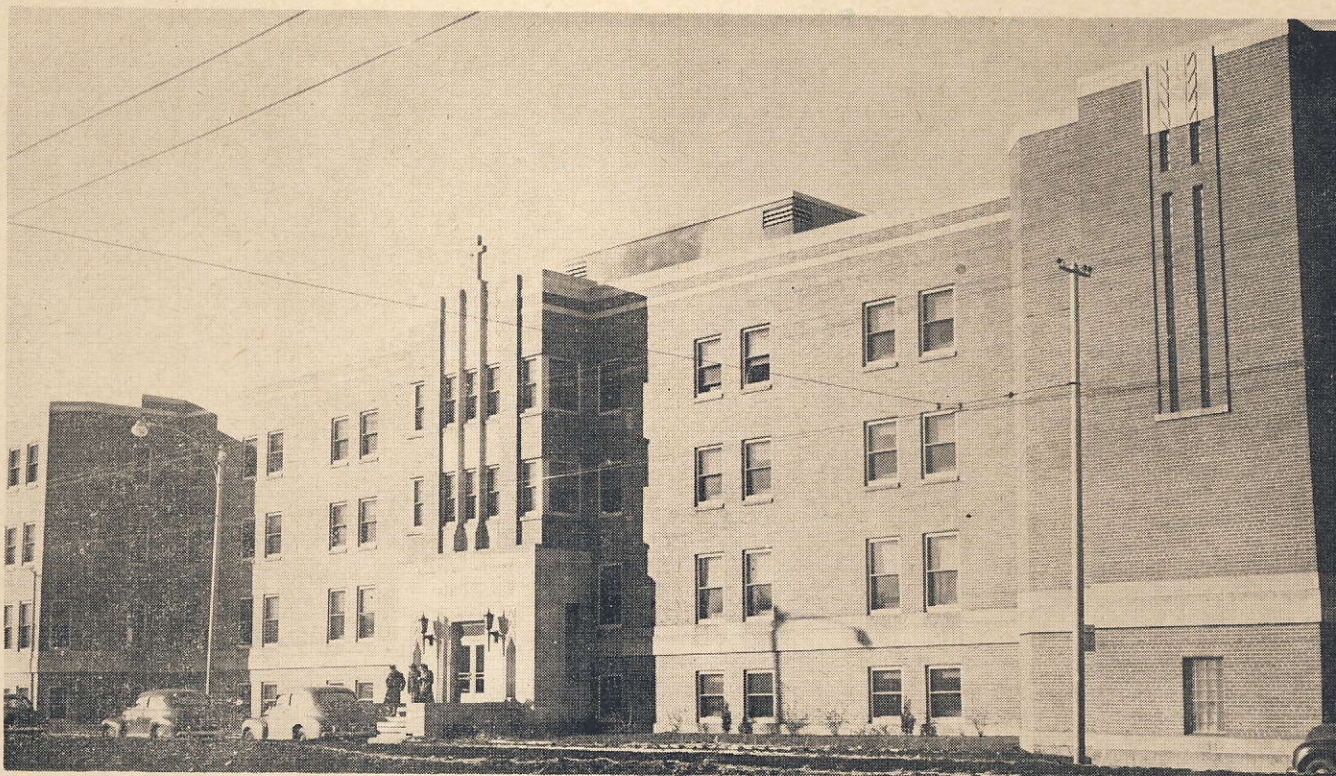
Please accept my congratulations on the occasion of the Silver Anniversary of St. Joseph's Hospital. My wish is that the Sisters of Providence may continue to play their part in the pageant of Christian charity that has been so characteristic of their work throughout Canada.

Yours very sincerely in Christ,

† M. C. O'NEILL,
Archbishop of Regina.



Rt. Rev. E. Q. Jennings, Bishop of Kamloops



New Wing Opened January 24, 1948

THE STORY OF ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

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ill. They went to the present Archbishop, Most Reverend J. H. MacDonald, with their plans for an elaborate building program.

No less zealous than his predecessor, Archbishop MacDonald not only favored the project, but he felt keenly the increasing need of example that would shine forth as a beacon in a world where the torches of mercy were being blotted out. In too many countries, the Christian regard for human life was being ruthlessly or conveniently ignored; the gas chamber and the concentration camp were the final tributes paid to those who, through no fault of their own, were no longer of use to cold-hearted peoples and omnipotent states. Elsewhere, even Christian charity "had deteriorated into mere philanthropy," in the Archbishop's words.

"It is no small charge to look after incurables," the Archbishop once said. "But it is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy enunciated by the Saviour of Mankind. . . and its observance or non-observance will, in the words of Christ, determine our fate for eternity."

He gave every encouragement and support to the Sisters. Their confidence in Divine Providence he termed "a marvellous lesson to us all in this age of selfishness and indifference." And of their labors of sacrifice, he said: "What a great charity they perform, looking after those who cannot do anything for themselves."

Preliminary studies for the new St. Joseph's Hospital were made in January, 1945. In November of the same year, the plans were approved by the Controller of Construction at Ottawa. The 150-bed, ultra-modern extension was officially opened on January 24, 1948.

The hospital, unsurpassed in western Canada, is monumental in craftsmanship and design. The walls, floors, and ceilings follow an artistically-devised scheme. A unique feature is the introduction of native Alberta travertine — a type of marble closely resembling the Italian product.

There are two columns of this in the lobby.

A new chapel was built, with two galleries overlooking the chapel proper and easily accessible from each floor. Thus a patient (currently, out of 250 patients, only 87 are Catholic) may attend Mass by simply walking a few steps, or by wheelchair, or even by being moved, in bed, to one of the galleries. Patients may visit the Blessed Sacrament as often as they wish.

The entire hospital shows thoughtful planning, indeed luxurious planning, for the needs of the patients. Each floor has a spacious solarium where patients can enjoy the sunshine, listen to the radio, play cards, or relax in comfort. The whole interior is cheerful — bright pastel walls, colorful draperies. Separate locker facilities are provided for each patient. And every room — private, semi-private or ward — has separate plumbing.

Patients arrive from all over the province, and there are many applications for admission from British Columbia and Saskatchewan. Many are transferred from the four city hospitals, when attending physicians find they no longer require active hospital care. The majority are relief patients — and there is a long waiting list even yet.

For the most part, medical care is rendered by the physician of the patient's choice, otherwise by physicians appointed by the Department of Public Welfare. A registered nurse is in charge of each shift, and on each division, ensuring that proper nursing care is available at all times. She is greatly helped in her work by trainees, nurses' aides, ward aides and orderlies. The present secular staff — that is, exclusive of the Sisters — numbers about eighty.

The hospital is motivated by a spirit of friendliness, true sympathy and a Christ-like understanding of the needs of old age and the long-suffering. As Archbishop MacDonald said, in tribute: "Every comfort is provided here for the sick and the poor, for Christ's sake. How well these Sisters know that no one can truly be given the name of Christian without doing to the poor what we would do to Christ Himself!"



BISHOP'S HOUSE
Prince Rupert, B.C.

April 3, 1952.

Sister M. Anselm, Superior,
St. Joseph's Hospital,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Sister Superior:

Your community is upholding the best tradition of christian charity in caring for the sick brethren of our Saviour. May He continue to bless the work done in His name, and on the occasion of the notable anniversary at St. Joseph's, Edmonton, may He send you more young women to share in the glorious mission of mercy.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

† A. JORDAN, O.M.I.
Vicar Apostolic of
Prince Rupert.

Assumption College,
Windsor, Ontario.
April 2, 1952.

Sister Mary Anselm, Superior,
St. Joseph's Hospital,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Sister Mary Anselm,

It is indeed a privilege and a pleasure for me to extend my sincere congratulations and good wishes to St. Joseph's Hospital on the occasion of its forthcoming Silver Jubilee.

It was always a source of great consolation to me, during my years in the Archdiocese of Edmonton, to visit St. Joseph's Hospital, as I realized that it was a veritable "Pool of Bethesda" for the City of Edmonton and surrounding districts. The kindly, solicitous care of the Sisters and lay personnel combined with the self-sacrificing devotion of skilful doctors to exemplify at all times a true spirit of Christian charity.

May God's blessing descend in ever-increasing measure upon this institution, as it prepares to launch forth on another quarter of a century of devoted service on behalf of afflicted and suffering humanity.

Ad Multos et Felicissimos Annos,

† C. L. NELLIGAN,
Titular Bishop of Fenice.





Entrance to New Wing

Inscription over Entrance:

"Est nam certa quies fessis venientibus illuc."
(For there is certain rest for the weary who come here.)

Was suggested by:

Mr. George Heath Macdonald, Architect for St. Joseph's Hospital.

The quotation is taken from a letter written by the great emperor Charlemagne to Paul, the deacon, at the priory at Monte Cassino in Italy.

Herein are located the switchboard, connecting all departments, and the main microphone for paging on the Public Address System.

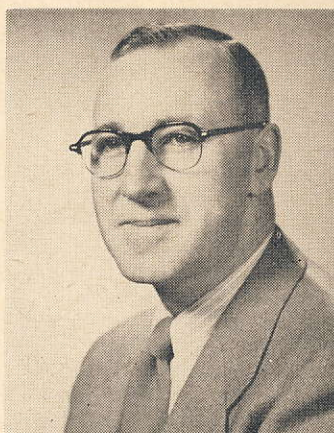


Main Office
of the
New Wing

Attending Physicians at St. Joseph's Hospital



Dr. H. Orr



Dr. H. N. C. Begg



Dr. J. W. Scott



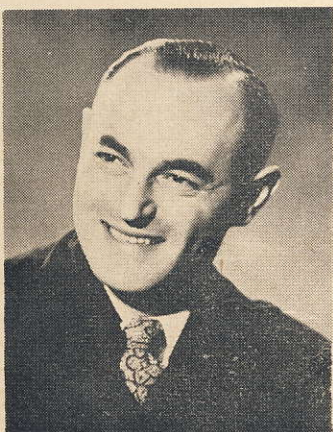
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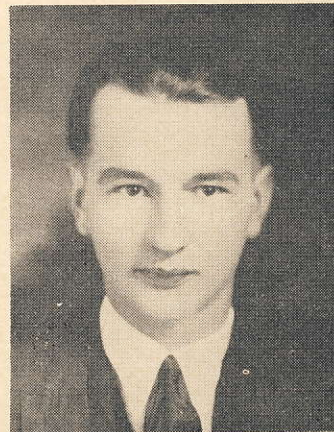
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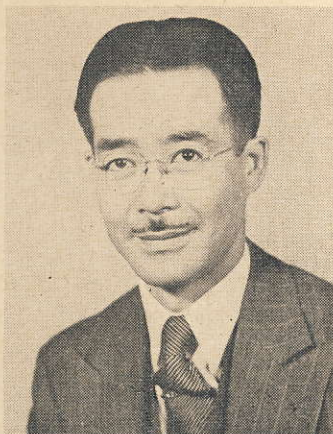


Dr. J. C. Justik



Dr. C. A. Berner

"Honor thy physician for the need thou hast of him
for the Lord God hath created him." Ecclesiasticus.



Dr. J. G. Kato

ATTENDING PHYSICIANS



Dr. J. A. MacKay

Message from Dr. J. A. MacKay Department of Public Welfare

Today St. Joseph's hospital is celebrating her Silver Anniversary. Twenty-five years of good work; needed work.

Our present day civilization, with its great strides in medical science, has brought with it a multitude of problems which our forefathers would rarely have had to face. People now live to an older age. Survivors from crippling accidents are greater in number. Functional and organic diseases concomitant with the stresses and strain of high-pitched living are greater.

Many of these problems are being solved by our doctors in active treatment hospitals and returned to circulation as useful, active citizens. There are still many that medical science cannot help back to a wholly independent, useful and active life. They are not sick enough for active treatment nor whole enough, or strong enough to become self-sufficient. It is for these unfortunate individuals that St. Joseph's hospital has supplied a pressing need for the past twenty-five years.

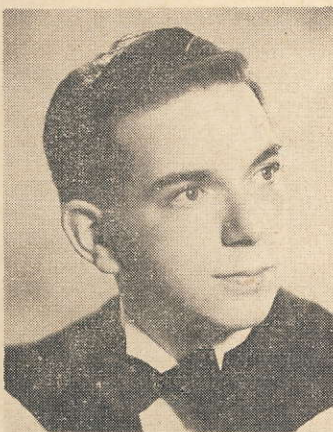
From a small start St. Joseph's hospital now has a capacity of two hundred and fifty beds. In these beds we find many kinds of patients, from the very young to the very old. Children's ward contains some fifteen young children affected with congenital deformities of various kinds. Young men and women who are no longer able to carry on for themselves. All are in need of some nursing care and medical attention. Many are wards of the Department of Public Welfare of the Province of Alberta.

Much is being done for these patients by visiting organizations and friends; by taking them out for rides, supplying them with books and magazines and generally cheering them up by talking with them.

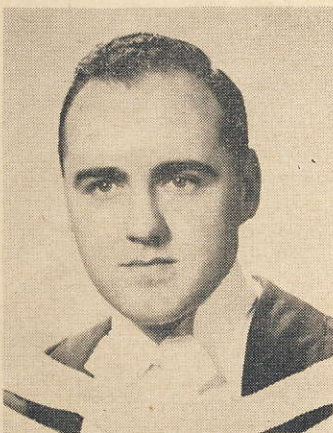
Occupational therapy is the biggest boon for these patients: leather work, mat making, doll making. Our means of supplying this to the patients is still very meager. Much more is needed.

Hydro-therapy is another form of treatment which is beneficial to certain types of patients. At the present time we have no facilities for such treatment, but hope in the near future to be able to institute it.

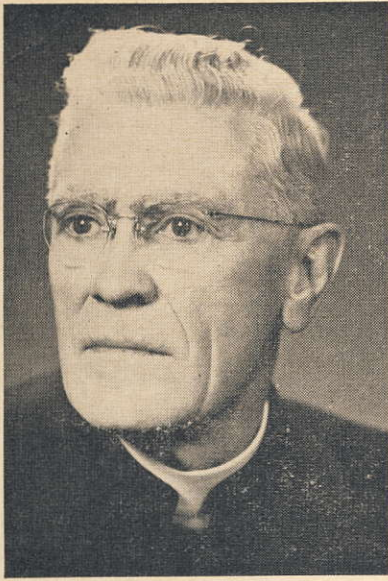
Much is being done by St. Joseph's hospital for the patients. The future holds hope for even more. Certainly St. Joseph's hospital is to be congratulated and encouraged in the celebration of this, its twenty-fifth Anniversary.



Dr. L. E. Beauchamp



Dr. J. A. O'Brien



SACRED HEART CHURCH
Edmonton, Alberta

The works of charity performed by the Sisters of Providence in Edmonton Archdiocese have been outstanding. That St. Joseph's Hospital has reached its Silver Milestone is a matter of satisfaction for the Sisters themselves, of congratulation on the part of a host of friends and the continued prayers of those who have been served so well.

M. J. O'Gorman.



Hearty congratulations and sincere good wishes on the occasion of the Silver Anniversary of St. Joseph's Hospital. It has been my privilege to have seen it grow from tiny and humble beginnings to the large and very efficient institution it is today.

William B. Carleton, V.G.

MESSAGE FROM MSGR. M. J. LYONS

Your Community can look back to over forty years of hospital work in this Province and thank God that it has been well done and that you have been able to do it well. In 1908 three members of your Community came to Daysland, your first home in Alberta, your first home in the West, the cradle of your Community on the broad acres of the Canadian Prairies. As we look back on the coming of those pioneers we can see that the event was both solemn and significant in view of the mission they had come to fulfill and the fruits that were to spring from their labours.

From that humble Western beginning you now have missions in each of the four Western Provinces providing care for the sick, homes for the homeless and resting places for the weary. As you progressed with the years you have never lost sight of the true objectives of the Catholic hospital as a part of the organized effort of the Church to perform those corporal works of mercy which are the core of any truly Catholic social theory or service.

Your Community may well be proud of St. Joseph's. The old Whyte Block of twenty-five years ago that Sister M. Monica took over and miraculously transformed bears little resemblance to St. Joseph's today, but it was due to her and her staff and those who have staffed it since that you are able to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of this hospital in a building as modern as 1952, housing the latest triumphs of surgery and medicine, the latest ingenuities in the art of nursing back the ailing to life and health and the old spirit of Charity — the old virtues that have characterized the Sisterhoods of the Church down through the centuries.

You are one of the pioneer Orders of this Diocese — and your many friends rejoice with you in the progress you have made and hope that when time brings the Golden Jubilee around the same work will be equally well done and similar progress made in the interest of God and humanity.

(Rt. Rev.) W. J. Lyons,
Daysland, Alberta.



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MESSAGE FROM REV. C. J. FORAN, D.D.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH
10661 Whyte Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta

April 1, 1952.

Reverend Mother Anselm,
Superior, St. Joseph's Hospital,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Reverend Mother:

Permit me to add my felicitations to the many you will receive from other sources on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of St. Joseph's Hospital.

All are very proud of what has been accomplished there in a relatively short period of time. The institution has made a notable contribution in the field of hospital service and to the work of the Church in this province.

The clergy and parishioners of St. Anthony's join me in extending every good wish for the years that lie ahead.

Sincerely yours,

C. J. FORAN.



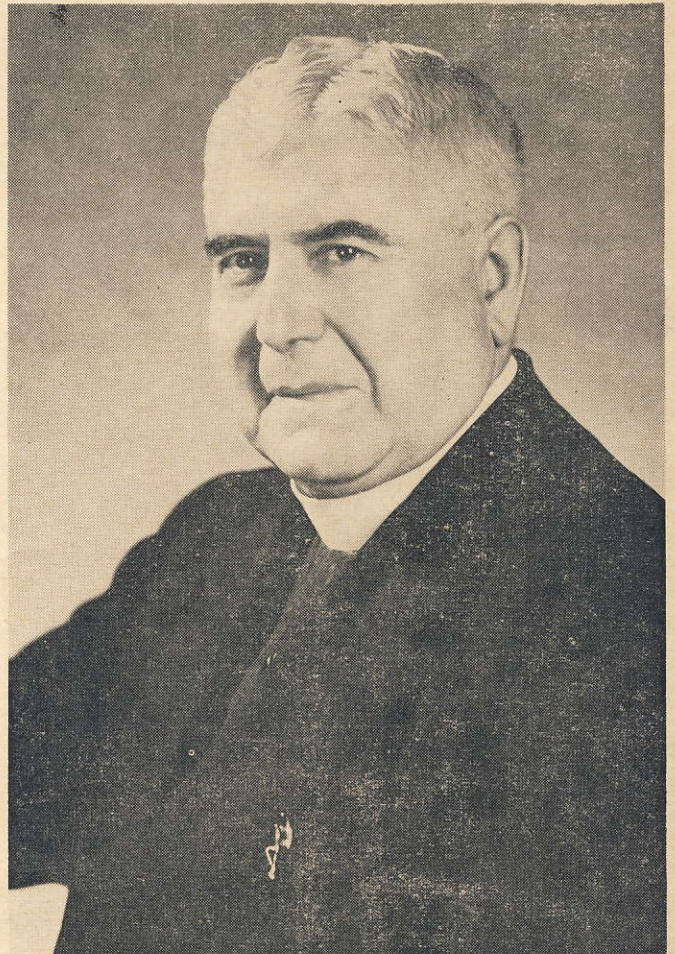
MESSAGE FROM FIRST PERMANENT CHAPLAIN
OF ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

Reverend Mother Superioress and Sister Companions,
St. Joseph's Hospital,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Reverend Mother:

Your Sister Companions, the staff, helpers and inmates, all, including myself, rejoice with you for the twenty-five years of humanitarian services well done. These grateful beneficiaries join with me in sincere congratulations to you, Reverend Mother and Sister Companions, on your twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Founding of this St. Joseph's Hospital, Edmonton.

Your Community of Sisters of Providence of Kingston, Ontario, are among the pioneers in Alberta, first establishing a Hospital in Daysland, Alberta, in 1918, then the Rosary Hall, a Hostel Home for transient girls and women away from home, in 1915. Five years later you received an invitation from myself, then parish priest at Camrose, to build a hospital there. Dr. Nordbye, at a ratepayers' meeting, seconded my proposal as a "Splendid idea." Mayor O. B. Olson and Town Council appointed me to negotiate for Sisters to build and render hospital services for the town of Camrose — and in 1924 you opened the doors of
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Rev. Fr. M. J. Schnitzler, First Permanent Chaplain

The Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Hospital



Standing — Left to right: Mrs. B. McVea, Mrs. S. Murray, Mrs. W. Wagner, Mrs. M. Ball, Mrs. J. Davies, Mrs. J. S. O'Donnell, Mrs. A. R. Robbins, Mrs. P. P. Biollo, Mrs. C. Cornish, Mrs. M. Lavallee, Mrs. D. Whiteley, Mrs. H. Carrigan, Mrs. M. Mulvihill, Mrs. D. Dykes, Mrs. J. Deschamps.

Seated — Left to right: Mrs. E. Edmunds, Mrs. S. Munshaw, Mrs. G. O'Dougherty, Mrs. M. Gillis, Mrs. W. Howson, Mrs. G. MacDonald, Mrs. E. Blitch, Mrs. P. Ford.



Mrs. P. P. Biollo,
Actual President
of Ladies' Auxiliary.

president. The majority of members were from St. Anthony's Parish.

Over the years, the ladies have been most successful in sponsoring recreational activities particularly suited to the patients who are admitted to St. Joseph's. Bus rides during the pleasant summer months. . . picture shows. . . "treats" for birthday parties. . . Christmas concerts, with gifts for each patient at Christmas time — these are among the "comforts" the Auxiliary provides as part of its program.

An outstanding achievement of late has been the installation of a Public Address System. Because of it, patients — particularly those who cannot manipulate their own radios — have an opportunity to listen to good music, religious and popular. But the system is of practical value as well — it is an excellent time-saver in paging doctors, nurses, staff-members and even visitors.

Mrs. P. P. Biollo heads the present executive, as president; Mrs. D. Whiteley is vice-president; and Mrs. J. E. Lavallee, who was treasurer of the first Auxiliary, still holds that post.

No hospital nowadays seems complete without a "Ladies' Auxiliary" — those groups of devoted women who give of their time, energy and ability that less fortunate people may get the maximum of extra joy from life.

St. Joseph's is blessed with an especially active Hospital Auxiliary, first organized in 1946. At that time, Mrs. A. R. Robbins was the first president, Mrs. D. Bard, the first vice-



His Worship, Wm. Hawrelak,
Mayor of Edmonton

Greetings
to
St. Joseph's
Hospital
on the
occasion
of the
Silver
Jubilee
of its
Foundation



Hon. Dr. W. W. Cross
Minister of Health

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MESSAGE

I am happy to join with a host of friends and well wishers in extending sincere congratulations on the twenty-fifth anniversary of St. Joseph's Hospital.

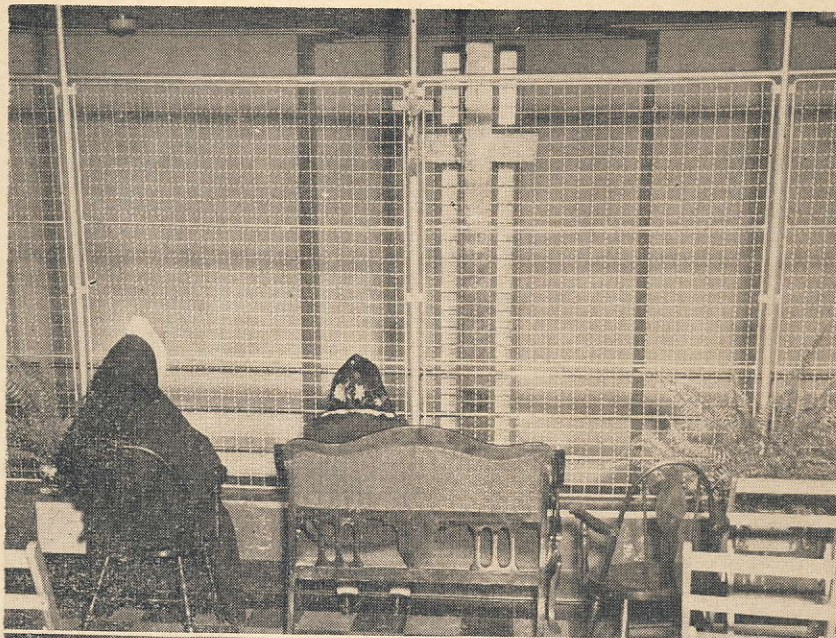
Those who are acquainted with the wonderful work of Christian charity carried on by the good Sisters and staff have always been impressed with the atmosphere of rest and repose which is felt within the confines of the Hospital. How much more this is felt by the ailing men and women who are under the care of the Sisters is shown by the patients themselves.

At the end of the first quarter century, we all join in praying that God will continue to bless St. Joseph's Hospital and those associated with it. May the next twenty-five years be filled with even greater achievement.

Lucien Maynard.

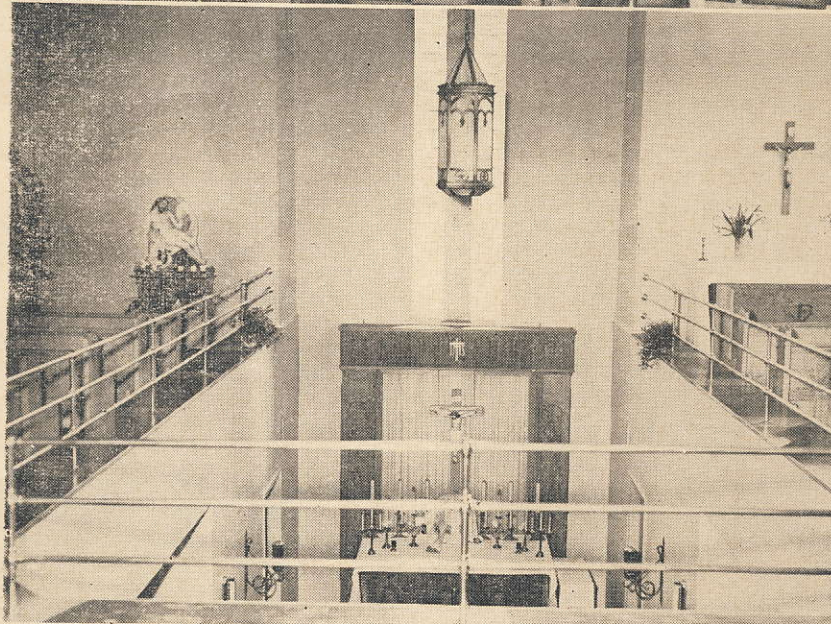


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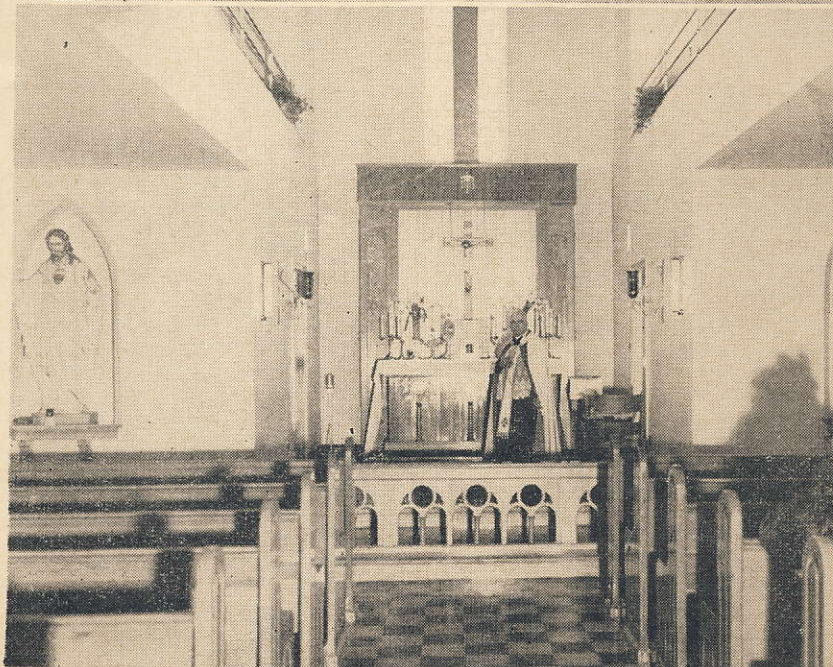
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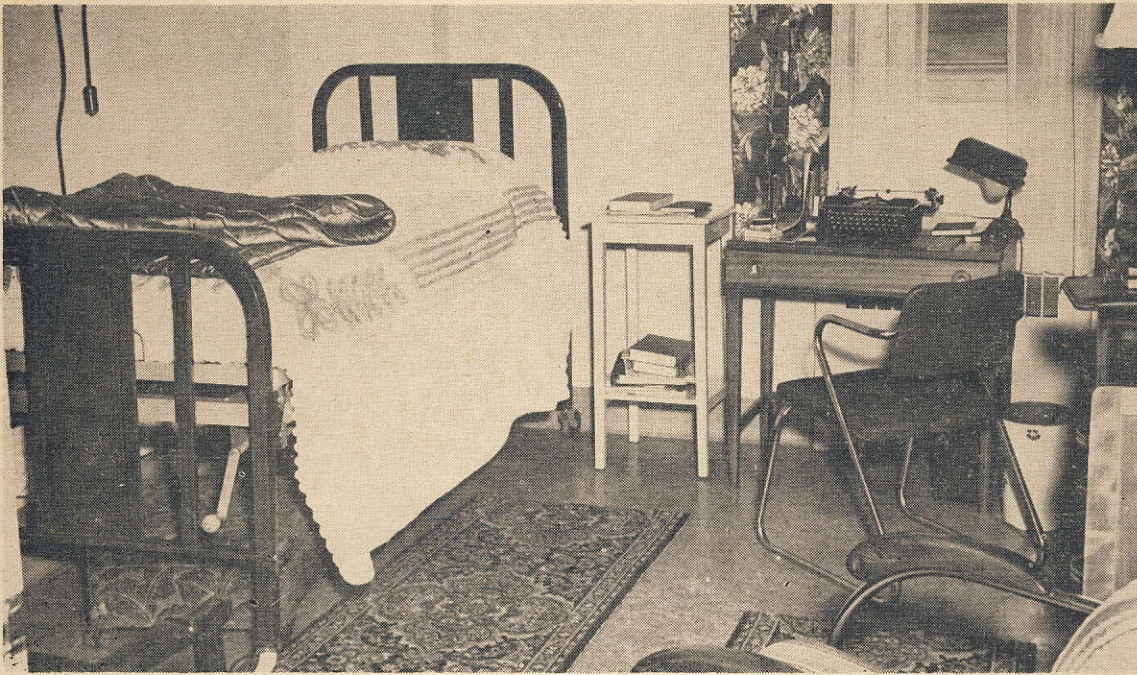


First
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Sound System
conveys services
to all parts
of the Hospital



Main Floor
of Chapel



Private Room
Second Floor

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St. Mary's Hospital to the people of that welcoming town and district. In 1926 your Community opened St. Mary's Home for homeless or neglected children on the South Side and later transferred to North Edmonton. The following year the Whyte Block was purchased, remodelled, and our first St. Joseph's Hospital was opened for the aged, the homeless and the disabled. Despite the ever increasing demand for more space and although prices for material and labour staggeringly high, the Sisters of Providence with their vision and trust in God and energy for enterprise caused the erection of the present imposing structure, now greater St. Joseph's Hospital opened to the general public January, 1948.

The people of North Central Alberta recognized and believe themselves greatly indebted to the Sisters of Providence for their achievement in supplying their share of Hospital aid and comfort and other welfare facilities to the people who cannot help themselves in this province.

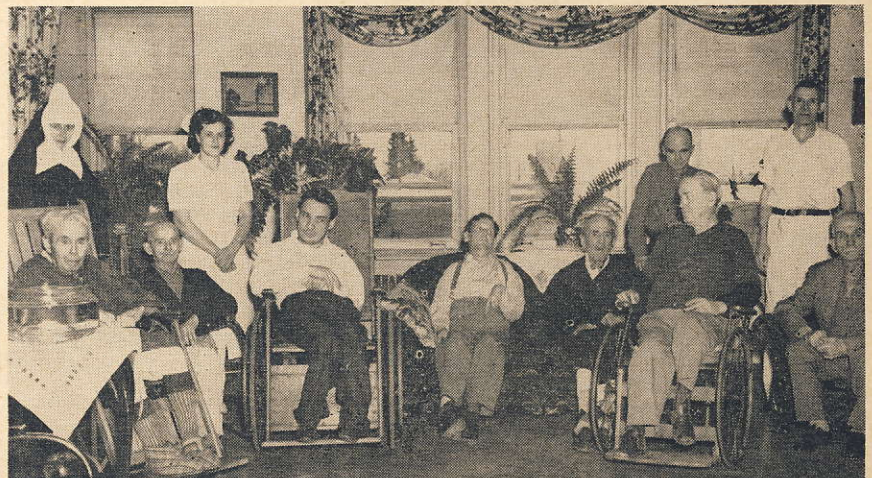
May I join and express in behalf of hundreds of grateful inmates of this institution with a prayer in their hearts, and say "May God bless the charitable efforts and prosper with success the helping hands in aid of our sick in spirit and limb; the disabled, the aged and the homeless. With Faith, Hope, and Charity, may the St. Joseph's Hospital stand and may Divine Providence protect it.

St. Joseph's Hospital

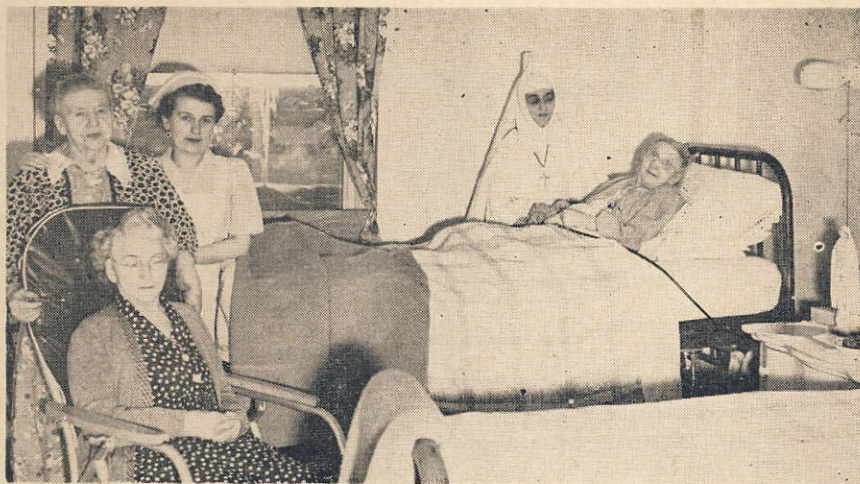
Lachlan MacMillan, M.D., C.M., F.A.C.S.

An edifice: complete, foursquare you stand,
Substantial to endure, from ground to dome;
An answered prayer to those who long had planned;
To many the embodiment of home.
However dark and dismal be the night
Your hearth and candlelight will ever shine;
The ailing traveller kindles at your sight,
Though friendless stranger from a foreign clime.

Within these portals hope and peace abide,
Here every act, performed with loving care,
Feels amply paid by one responsive nod.
'Twas here that I, like others sorely tried —
Who come to you with pain too great to bear —
Have heard the voice and felt the hand of God.



Solarium
on the
Third Floor.



Semi-private Room
on Fourth Floor.

Reflections on Suffering

by John Patrick Gillese

Suffering is a mystery, but out of it many things are wrought. It is the great catalyst. Sometimes it is the key to heaven. Oftentimes those who suffer the most are the happiest people we know, because they have glimpsed true values. The person who dreads suffering abnormally, who cannot bear the sight of pain, is afraid of his final destiny; suffering is the God-given reminder that man is but a vacationist on earth — a pilgrim passing by.

If suffering is the fruit of sin, it is also part of man's redemption. A man may give of his every earthly possession. He may spend his life in prayer and good works. But unless he suffers, he can never draw completely close to the Master Who suffered the supreme sacrifice on Calvary's crimson cross.

The alleviation of suffering is the one gift no human heart can ever refuse. Many men have rejected reason; they have been offered love and scorned it. Often they have taken unto themselves the wealth of the world and trod, uncaring, on those who gave it to them. They may have mocked all charity; ridiculed all mercy. Yet, when suffering overtakes them, their frightened, barren hearts cry out for pity and kindness: when a glass of water is raised to their lips, sometimes from hands they never sought to know, their souls know an agony of gratitude for the giver. Great suffering must make every man realize at last that he is, at best, a brother to all men; and if in no other way, then out of suffering a better world of love will some day be born.

Suffering gives more than the sufferer a chance to find himself. To everyone there comes — sometimes once, sometimes many times — an opportunity to contribute something, be it only a word of comfort or the gift of a smile, that can never be bought, sold or commercialized. Yet it leaves the giver rich forever. The greatest regret in all the world belongs to those who once might have comforted friends and loved ones in their suffering. . . and let the chance slip by.

If, sometimes, prolonged suffering seems to commit its victim to a nether world between life and death, consider that in it the greatest contributions to mankind are often wrought. Science and medicine are rich in stories of successes born of suffering. Art and literature likewise. An invalid all his life, Robert Louis Stevenson wrote his enchanting poetry for children and such classics as "Treasure

Island," which will give happiness to readers for as long as literature endures. Yet his books, he said, would never have been written had he been strong and well. In painful blindness, the poet Milton composed his greatest works. Only a few weeks before his death, and so mentally distraught that he had to be confined to an asylum, a County Kerry youth named Musgrave wrote an unforgettable and haunting song, "The Rose of Tralee," and perhaps (who knows?) lightened the journey of many on the rocky road of life. . . Raphael once said that if necessity demanded it, he would have painted without his hands. Carl Fisher, a popular cartoonist of our time, remembered that when he lost his own hands at Fulda in 1945. Fisher learned to paint again by holding a pencil in his teeth and drawing it in shaky strokes across the drawing paper. Today, the experts say that Fisher's work — done without his hands — is finer than anything he ever did before the war. "In suffering," they said, "he learned a new fineness of technique." Fisher is said to have commented: "I learned many things besides technique."

A few years ago, a political refugee fleeing Europe brought with him a "message" said to have been written by an atom scientist about to be sent to a concentration camp. "Nothing happens without a reason," the scientist had written. "That is scientifically impossible. Once when I was working on fission, the thought struck me that suffering is a concrete law and has a definite scientific place in our universe. From the sweat of our bodies, we grow wheat. From travail, a woman brings forth new life. Science has yet to understand that from other forms of suffering, even more wonderful fruits are born. So. . . do not lament whatever sufferings I may now undergo. Scientifically speaking, I understand how Christ redeemed the world."

Most religions have always taught that suffering used properly is the spiritual salvation not only of the sufferer but of countless unknown others. When health, wealth and happiness are wasted, it is a sorry thing. But when suffering is wasted, it is a tragedy. The acceptance of suffering is the final test of character; in addition, it is the master-key that often opens undreamed of floodgates of love.

Even from a day-to-day viewpoint, always so limited and oftentimes so perilous, suffering is the whip that hastens

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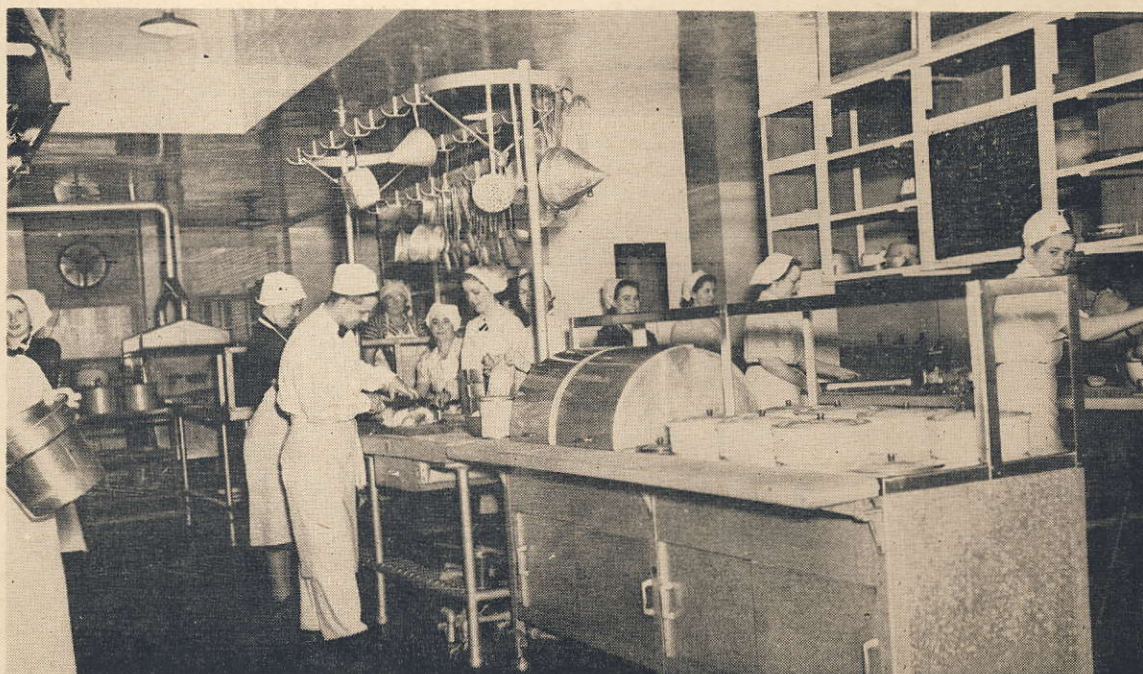
It is hoped that in the not too distant future an occupational therapy department will be organized under the direction of a qualified occupational therapist.

Many of the patients are kept busy and happy working at various "hobbies". Miss Marge Foster, a spastic, enjoys plying her needle in fancy work. Stanley Krause, now 17, who has been a patient since the age of seven, derives much pleasure from his meccano set. Mrs. Cecile Monroe has turned out some beautiful crochet pieces, her latest accomplishment, a tablecloth in the Queen Ann pattern. Mrs. Mary Purschke, aged 89, made the lovely patchwork quilt. Handwoven squares have been turned out by Mr. Walter Karcznarczyk. He has sent two bedspreads to his native Poland, and now a tablecloth is being formed on his frame. Nylon wool in different colors is used throughout. Other patients are interested in leathercraft; a few finished products can be seen on the table in the foreground.

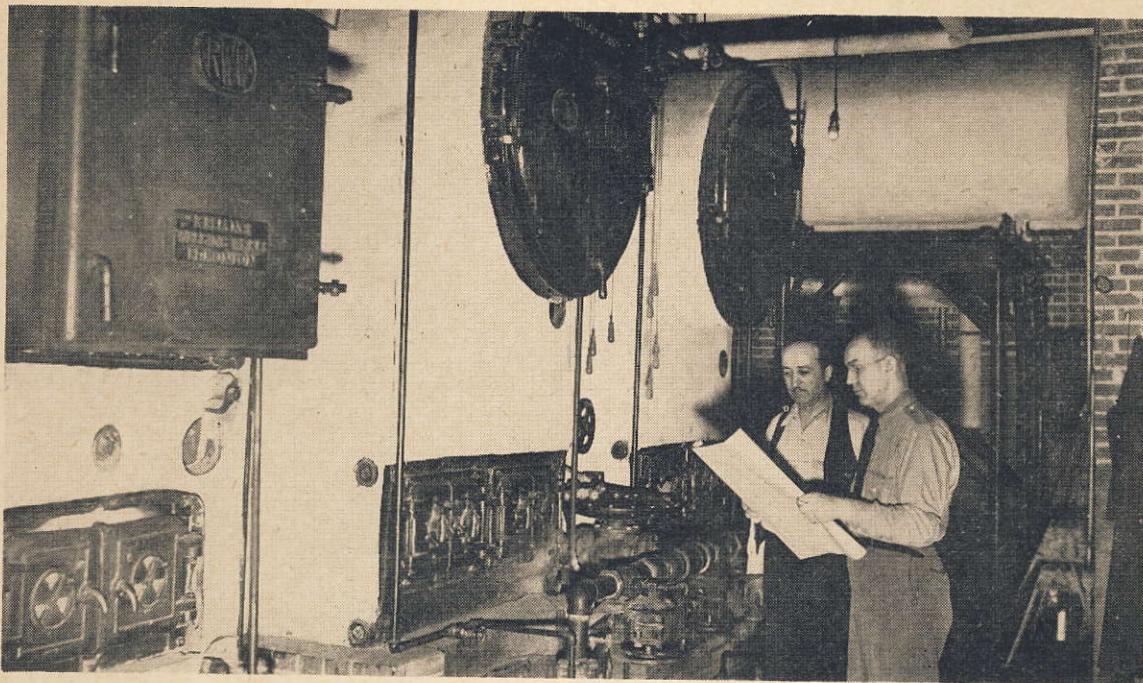
THE HYDROTHERAPY DEPARTMENT

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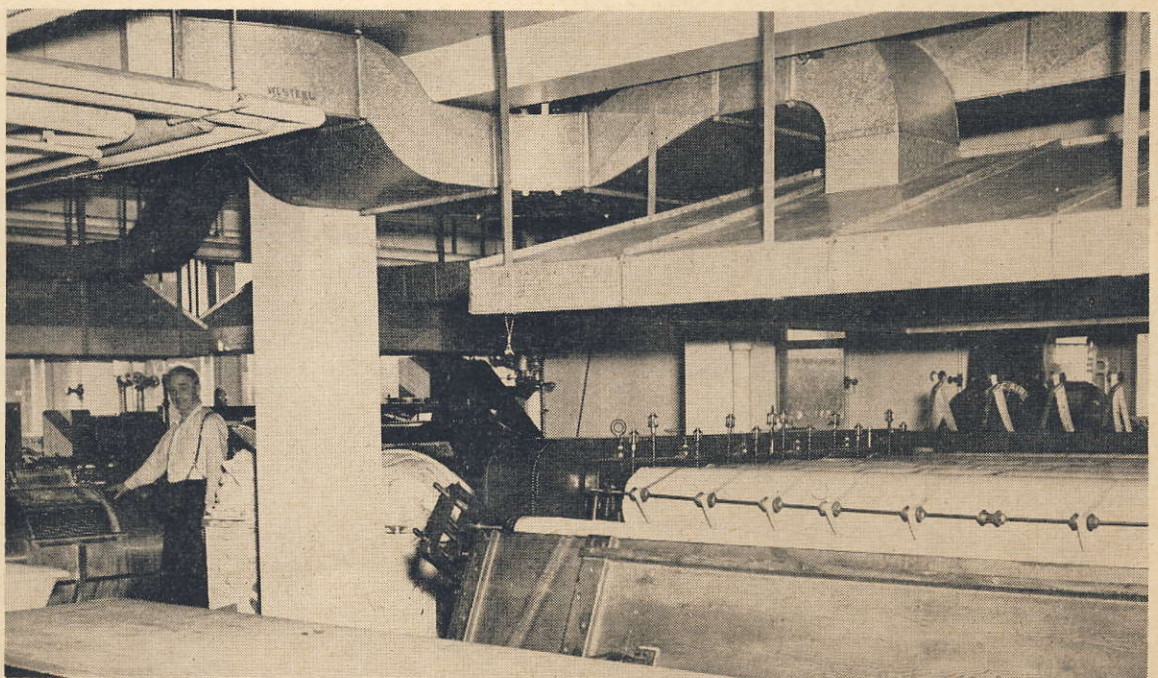
medical research, brings out reform, calls forth kindness, compassion and succor — the best in men. Indeed, the suffering of all our yesterdays and todays may well be the hope of our tomorrows. Until multiple sclerosis took the life of baseball star Lou Gehrig, the average person had never heard of the strange "creeping death." Today it is being fought to a standstill. When the beloved American author, Damon Runyan died in agony, those who knew him best — and loved him — could think of no finer tribute to his courage than to build a perpetual million-dollar Memorial Fund to fight the cancer that killed him.

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