



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
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leur mission en matière de soins de santé ainsi que la fondation et l'exploitation des hôpitaux catholiques.

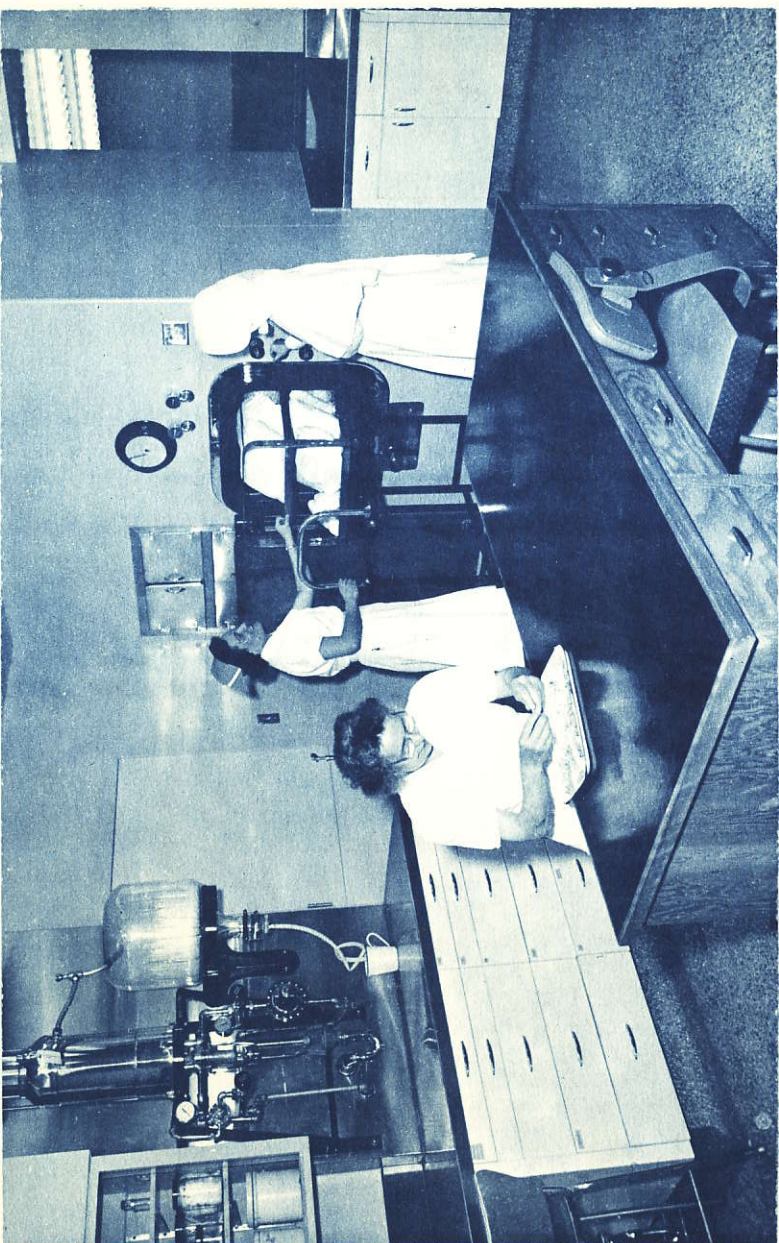
Mineral Springs Hospital Thirty Years of Service, 1930-1960

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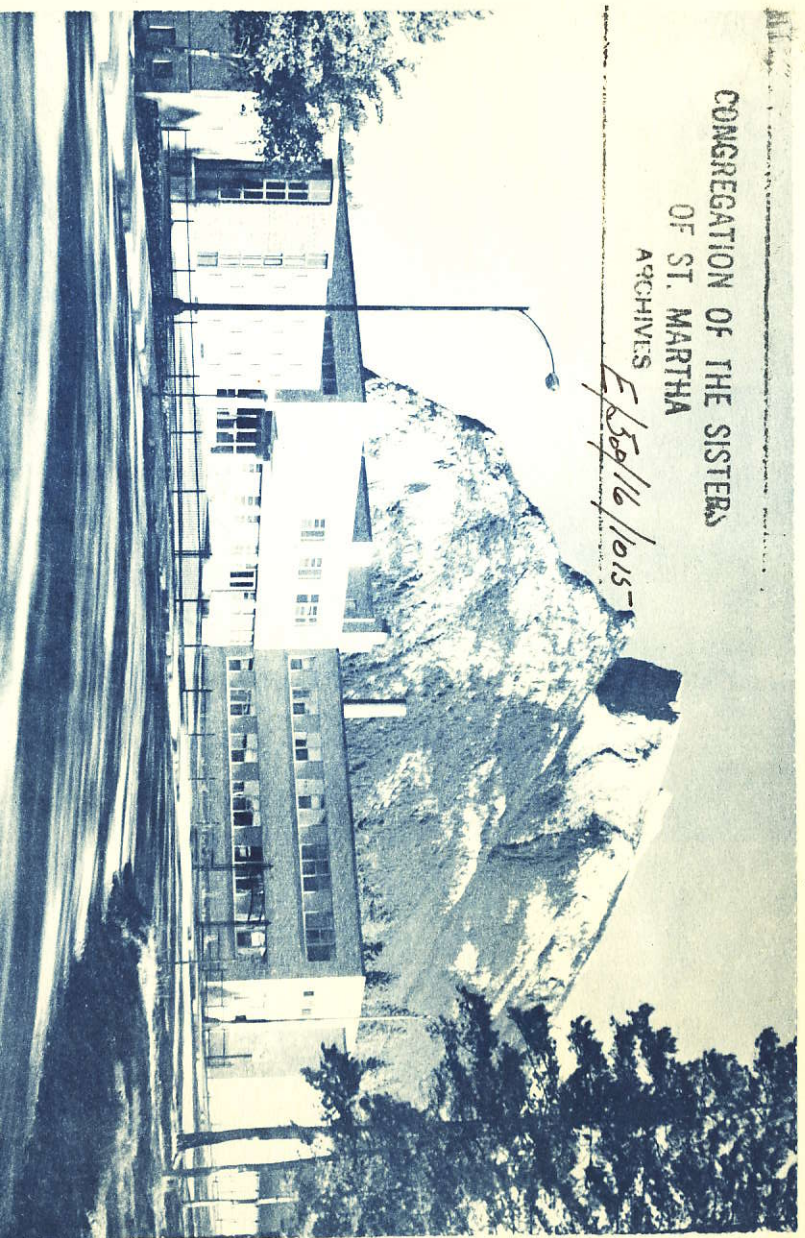
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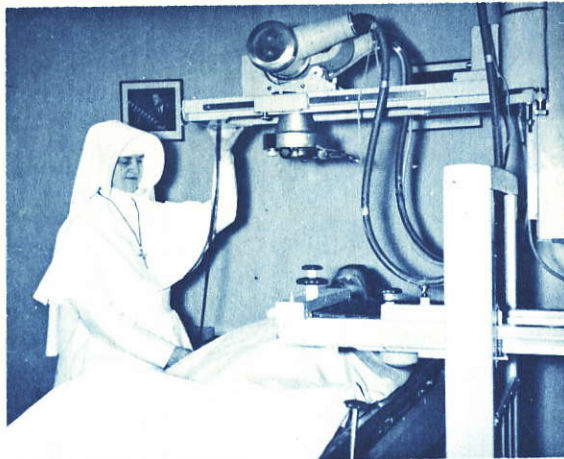
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BANFF, ALBERTA



Patients
Room

X-Ray
Department



Dietary
Department



MINERAL SPRINGS HOSPITAL

- AND -

THE SISTERS OF ST. MARTHA

This year of 1960 marks the 30th anniversary of the arrival of the Sisters of St. Martha in Banff, and also, the opening of what is now known as the Mineral Springs Hospital.

The Sisters of St. Martha are a comparatively young congregation of Religious, having been founded in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, at the turn of the present century. When the Sisters came to Banff, hospital work was not a new venture for them. They opened their first hospital, St. Martha's, in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, in 1906, and have since established nine hospitals throughout Canada. St. Michael's Hospital in Lethbridge was their first venture in the West. It was opened in 1929. Banff Hospital followed close behind in June, 1930, and in 1934 the Sisters opened a Social Service Centre and a kindergarten in our neighbouring town of Canmore. Three hospitals have been opened in Saskatchewan also.

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Since that day in June, 1930 when the Sisters first set foot in Banff National Park, many and difficult were the problems which they had to encounter and overcome. They were continuously confronted with the arduous task of trying to make the old inadequate structure lend itself to the improvements needed to meet present day needs and trying to keep its crumbling walls together until a new hospital could be built. For almost twenty years unsuccessful attempts were made to provide the people of this area with a better hospital. After many trials and endless headaches this goal was reached, when in 1958 the new, modern, million dollar Mineral Springs opened its doors to the public.

This fine institution with its up-to-date equipment has been built and financed by the Sisters and is being operated according to the highest possible standards, with a view to furnishing the best possible patient care to the sick and injured seeking treatment. All the doctors in this region are on the Medical Staff and the hospital doors are always open to those who need its services.

Any deficit at year's end must be met by the Sisters. No local tax is imposed on the district to meet this need.

The Sisters would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Banff and all the surrounding areas for the excellent cooperation and fine spirit of helpfulness which the hospital has enjoyed during the past three decades.

Sister Mary Albert
Sister Mary Albert,
Administrator.

These are the people who guide us in public affairs and in many basic decisions of administration:

Mr. C. Eldon Walls
Mr. Wm. Bryan
Mrs. Arthur Unwin
Mrs. Walter Johnston
Mr. Witt Lapper
Mr. Dermot Owen-Flood

May we of the Advisory Board extend to the Sisters of St. Martha our heartiest of congratulations on this anniversary year commemorating thirty years of service in this District.

As representatives of the people in this region we have found the Sisters to be untiring in their efforts to serve their patients better and it has been a pleasure to work with them and to help them to attain this goal to which they are so sincerely dedicated.

It is also very reassuring in this day of many biases to find every race, color and creed treated with the same respect and given the same care.

May they long continue in this work.

C. Eldon Walls

C. Eldon Walls, C.A.,
President,
Advisory Board to Mineral Springs Hospital.

Your doctors are our Active
Medical Staff:-

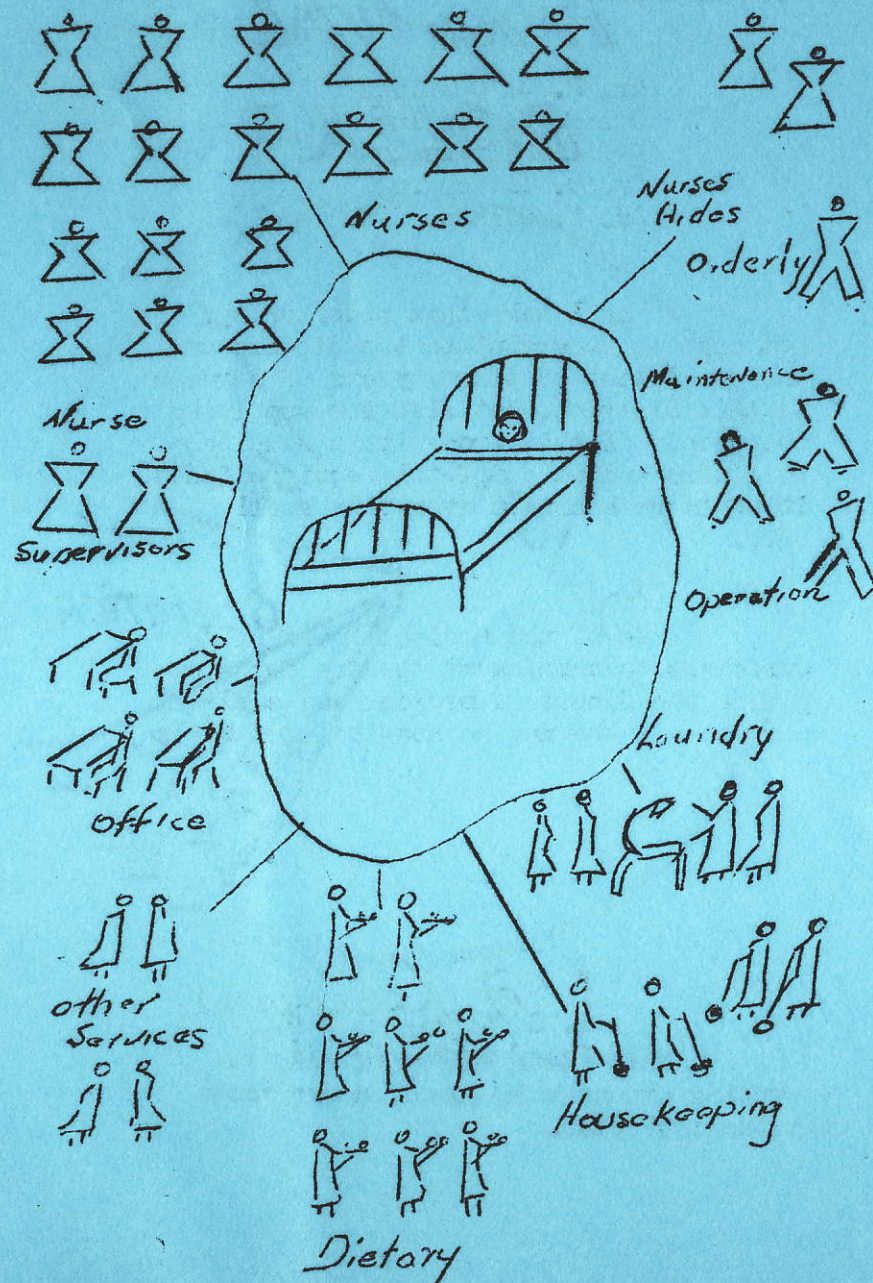
Dr. P. G. Costigan
Dr. R. W. Fleming
Dr. A. Miltins
Dr. D. Tittmore
Dr. I. Wilson

May I take this opportunity,
not only to congratulate the Sisters on
the completion of thirty years of service
to this District, but also for supplying
the people of this area with a hospital
so modern and so completely equipped that
it would be a credit even to a small
city.

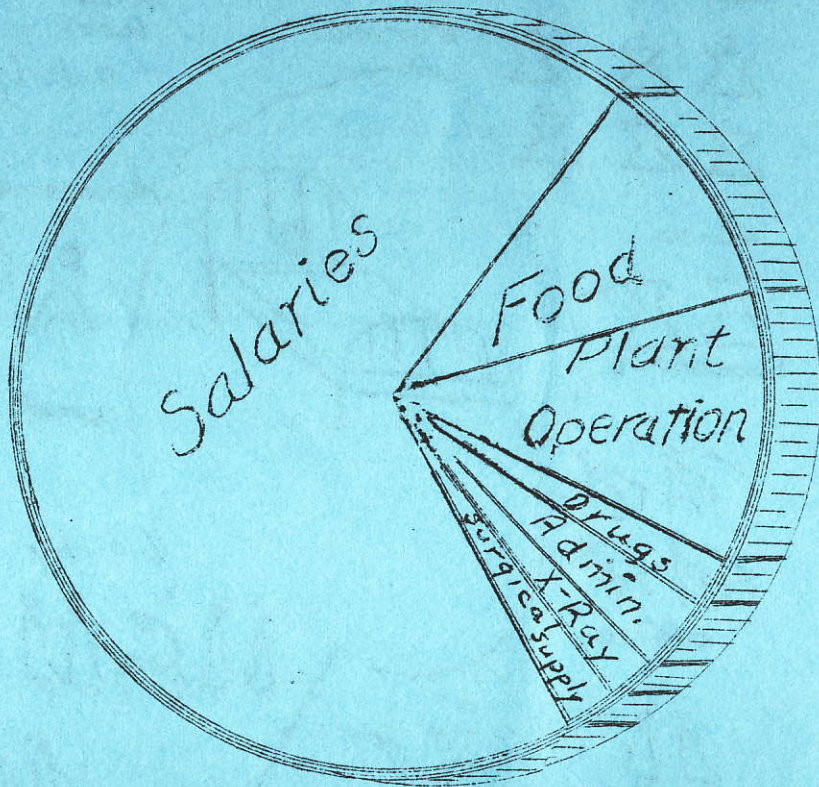
We of the Medical Staff pledge
ourselves to complement these efforts by
giving the finest of medical and surgical
care to all who may be hospitalized here.

P. G. Costigan
P. G. Costigan, M.D.,
Chief of Medical Staff.

Our Staff :-



THE HOSPITAL DOLLAR

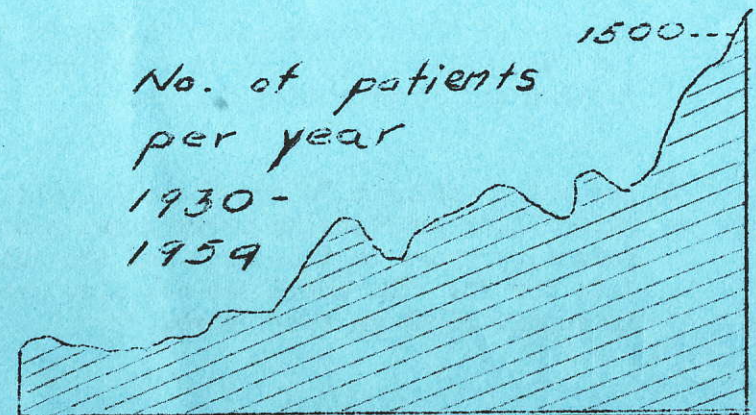


This distribution of our operating expenses is based on our costs for the 1959 year.

THIS EVEN SURPRISED US

In thirty years of operation we have:-

- given care to the extent of more than 400,000 patient days.
- given hospital care to more than 20,000 patients.
- helped to bring into this world more than 1,400 babies.
- spent One and Three-quarter Million Dollars in salaries. Thirty years ago during the depression years our annual salary cost was only 3% of what it is today.
- spent Half-a-Million Dollars on food.
- decreased the average length of stay from more than twelve days to less than eight.



DID YOU KNOW THAT ??

We have on our Consultant Staff a qualified Radiologist (a Doctor who has specialized in the taking of and interpretation of x-rays).

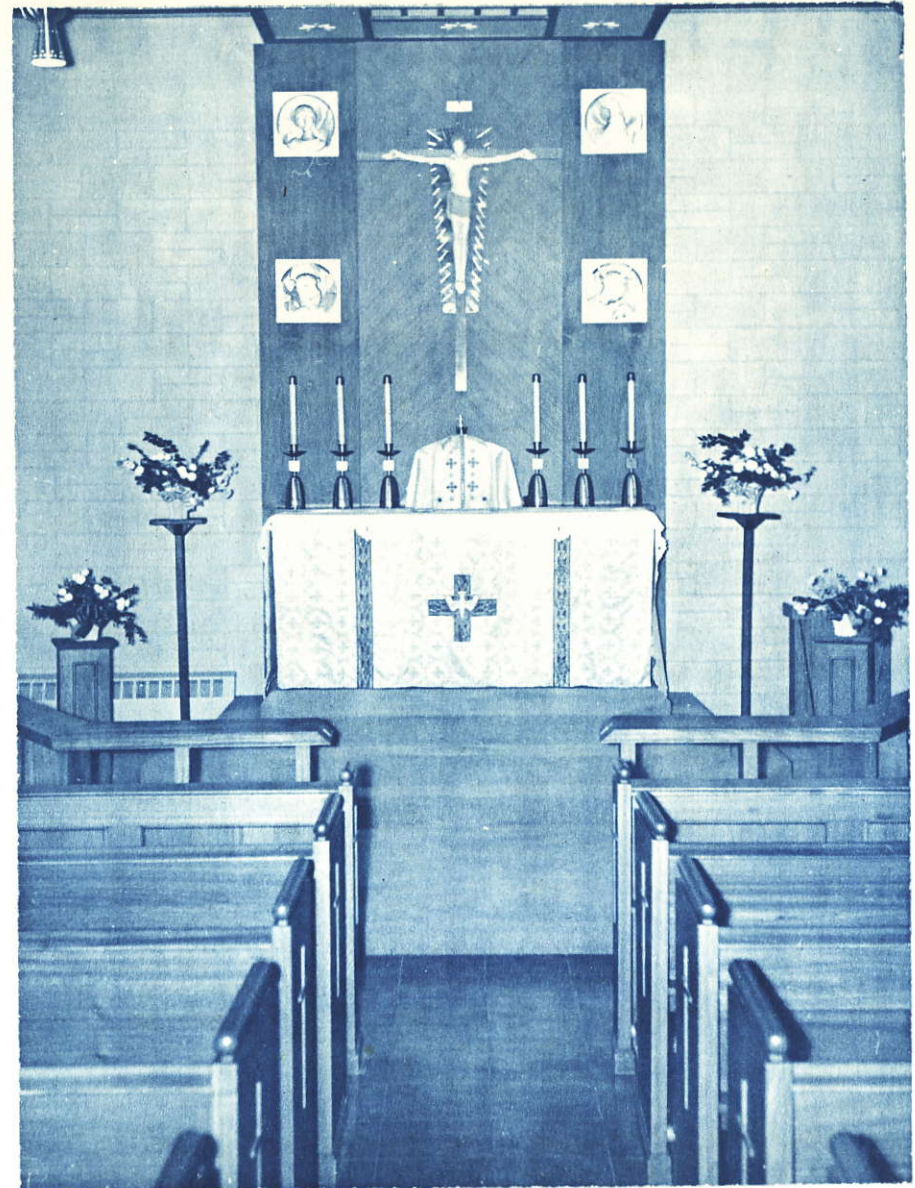
This Doctor rechecks every x-ray taken in this Hospital and visits our X-ray Department at least twice a month for special work and consultations.

We have on our Staff a Consultant Pathologist who also visits our Laboratory regularly to maintain our standards and to do difficult analyses for us.

We are one of the very few small hospitals in Canada (under fifty beds) that has been certified by the Canadian Council as fully accredited. This means that we consistently maintain high standards of patient care.

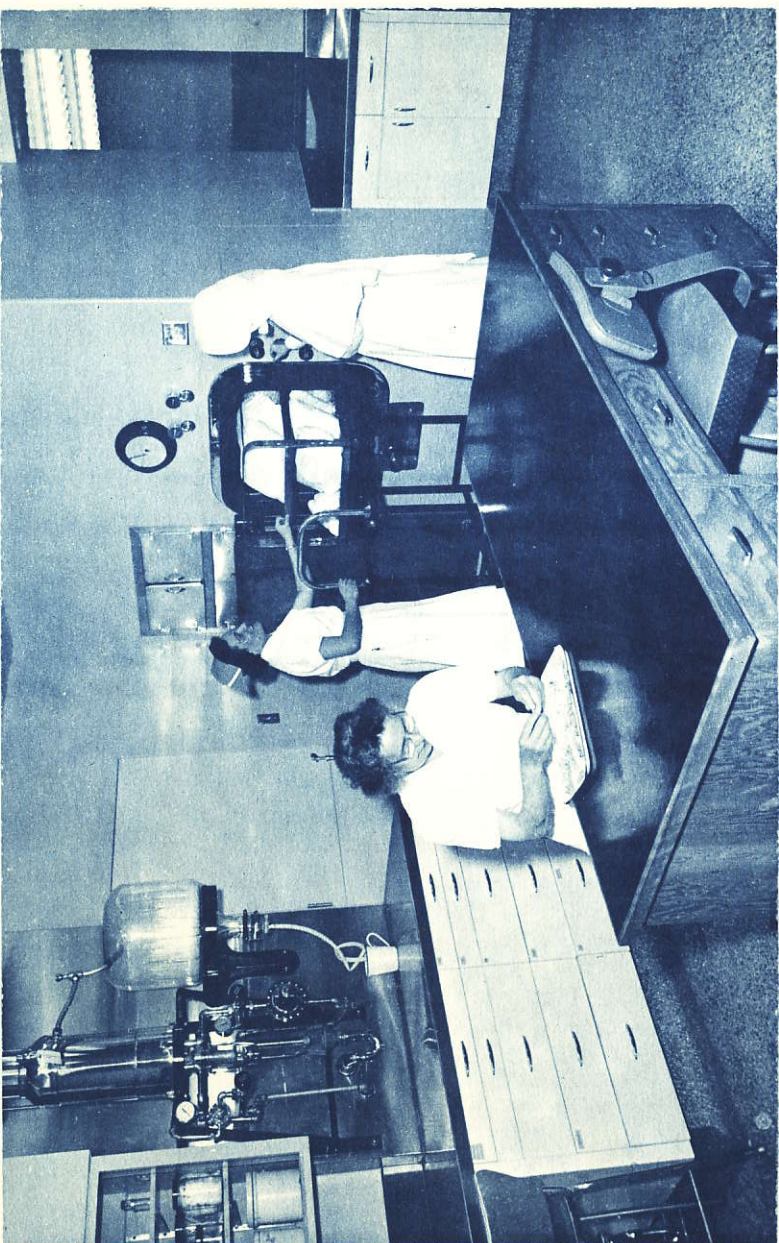
We are one of the few hospitals in Canada to have a physiotherapy pool in our Rehabilitation and Recuperation Centre.

We are establishing a Poison Control Centre which lists practically every known possible poisoning agent in this area and the antidote for it. The antidotes are also kept in supply right in the Centre.



*More things are wrought
by prayer
than this world dreams of.*

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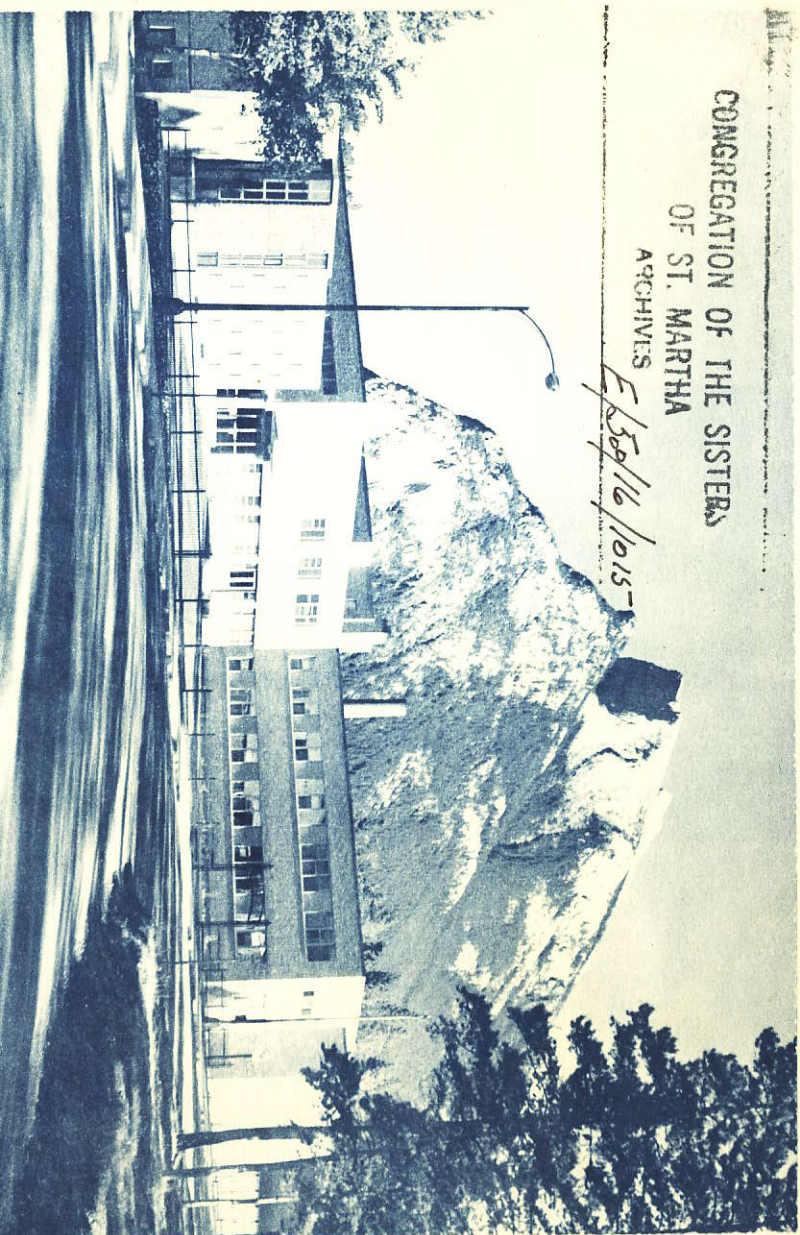
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