



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.



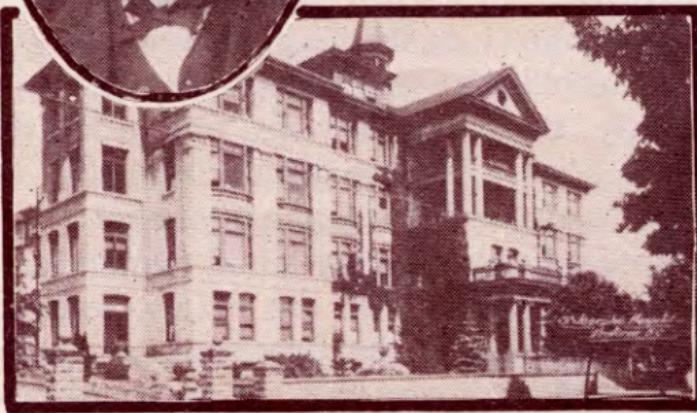
Projet de la Grande Histoire des hôpitaux catholiques au Canada

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, Victoria 1875-1925

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St. Joseph's 1875 Hospital 1925



ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

1875 - 1925

St. Joseph's Hospital is celebrating its Golden Jubilee of benevolent service to the citizens of Victoria and neighbouring districts.

For half a century St. Joseph's Hospital has been expanding its accommodations and the scope of its work; cheerfully and unhesitatingly assuming burdens which, at times, seemed insupportable—until today, it stands—*One of the foremost Institutions of Mercy in the City of Victoria.*

Its many years of faithful service to suffering humanity unquestionably entitles it to *public recognition.* The Managing Board of St. Joseph's Hospital take this opportunity to earnestly appeal to the various Service Clubs, Patriotic Associations, Fraternal Orders, to the Local Press, and to *everyone*, asking them to lend their loyal support to a campaign for funds so urgently needed by the Sisters for the erection of new and more commodious departments.

A Saving to Tax-payers

It may not be generally realized that St. Joseph's is a *Public Hospital* in every sense of the word. The fact that it is owned and operated by the Sisters, who have built and equipped it through private subscriptions and their own hard-earned savings, is a decided advantage to the taxpayers.

St. Joseph's Hospital receives and treats patients in exactly the same way as any other General Hospital. It is undenominational in its service, 90% of its patients being non-Catholics.

In order that there may be no diminution in the work so faithfully carried out by the Sisters during the last half-century, but, rather, that their work and scope of usefulness may be increased, they are now asking for your help and co-operation.

Improved Methods

THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE CARE OF THE SICK during the last ten years may be compared with the strides made in the methods of travelling during the same period. The use of the X-Ray, of Radium, and Laboratory Apparatus, for the scientific treatment of the sick, demands high-priced equipment and competent professional attendants. For these reasons, St. Joseph's is making a strong appeal to all its well-wishers, asking them to prove their loyalty towards the Institution, by co-operating with the Sisters in their Mission of Mercy towards humanity.

It should be clearly understood that St. Joseph's has no desire to detract, nor does it actually detract, from the noble work and services rendered by other hospitals. There is room and work for all. This is proved by the fact that at times both hospitals are taxed to capacity.

Moreover, medium-sized hospitals have advantages over larger Institutions of their kind, inasmuch as they are able to give the personal touch so necessary and vital to the care and well-being of the sick.

Victoria may well be proud of its two splendid Institutions of Healing, coupled as they are with an efficient and progressive group of medical men; these are the greatest assets to any community. Pasteur has well said: "I hold the Unconquerable Belief, that the future belongs to those who have accomplished most for suffering Humanity."

St. Joseph's Hospital was approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, April 25, 1923.
Members of the Board of Management are:

ALEX. McDERMOTT.

WALTER FRASER.

C. E. WILSON.

C. H. O'HALLORAN.

E. D. JOHNSON.

ALDERMAN MARA.



A representative group of the thousands of babies who have had *St. Joseph's Hospital* for their first home. Hundreds of these wonderful *Blossoms of Creation* begin their career, yearly, within the walls of *St. Joseph's Hospital*. **THEIR HOME HAS BECOME ANTIQUATED**, having been built fifty years ago.

WHO WILL HELP THE SISTERS BUILD A MODERN HOME FOR THE BABIES?

Jubilee Building Fund

St. Joseph's Hospital Golden Jubilee Building Fund, inaugurated May 12th, National Hospital Day, 1925.

HONORARY PATRONS:

His Lordship the Right Reverend Thomas O'Donnell, D.D., Bishop of Victoria.

His Honour W. C. Nichol, Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.

His Worship J. Carl Pendray, Mayor of the City of Victoria.

The Building Fund Campaign will be carried on by publicity and popular subscription throughout the Jubilee Year and until May 12th, 1926.

HEADQUARTERS: ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

Subscription Lists will be open at the Hospital throughout the year and until Hospital Day, 1926. Every contribution, no matter how small, will be most gratefully received. If you cannot give a large amount, give a small one—if you cannot afford a small amount you are asked to give your moral support to the good cause. Every dollar invested bears a hundredfold. An *investment* which will follow you beyond the grave and bear dividends throughout eternity.

• HOW YOU CAN HELP

\$ 5.00	will pay the interest on \$100.00 for one year
\$10.00	" " " " " 200.00 "
\$25.00	" " " " " 500.00 "
\$50.00	" " " " " 1000.00 "
\$500.00	will pay for the furnishing of a room
\$1000.00	will pay for the construction of a room

Description of Proposed Additions

MATERNITY AND SURGICAL BUILDING

The building is to be erected to the East of and at right angles to the present Humboldt Street Building, leaving a court 30 ft. wide between the new building and the existing Chapel.

The front of the new building will be in line with the front of the Humboldt Street Building, and will continue North for a distance of 152 ft., with an average width of 48 ft. A wing will continue West from the North end of this building, 82 ft., with a width of 52 ft., to connect with the existing Collinson Street Building, near its South end.

The entrance to the New Building will be by a wide corridor running East and West from a point in front of the existing elevator, thence North and South in the New Building, and continuing West to connect with the existing corridor in the Humboldt Street Building, giving access to the New Building from either end.

The main portion of the New Building will be four stories in height, with basement, and the wing running East and West will be five stories high.

The building will be constructed entirely of reinforced concrete with brick walls, and finished on the exterior to conform with the existing Humboldt Street Building.

The interior will be fitted up and finished in accordance with best and most modern practice in hospital construction.

Two separate stairways and an electric passenger elevator will be installed connecting all floors, also electric dumb waiters from the main kitchen, etc., to the service departments on the several floors.

A central steam heating plant will be located on the North end of the building, from which all the buildings will be heated and steam supplied to the various kitchens and sterilizers throughout the building.

In the basement will be located the Laundry and the various store rooms.

On the ground floor the Dining Rooms for the Sisters and Nurses and the Hospital Employees, Sewing Rooms, Living Apartments, etc.

On the second floor X-Ray Department, Laboratory, Children's Wards.

The third and fourth floors will be devoted entirely to the Maternity Department; 13 private rooms on each floor, three on each floor with private baths; 6 semi-private rooms of two beds each on each floor, and two single isolation rooms on each floor with private bath and nursery.

Separate Nurseries and Baby Bathrooms for private and semi-private patients on each floor, together with kitchens and all necessary service departments.

On the South end of each floor there will be a large Solarium.

The fifth floor will be entirely taken up by the Surgical Department, Operating Rooms, together with Doctors' Rooms and the necessary service departments.

Tubercular Sanitarium

The Tubercular Sanitarium will be erected on a site recently purchased on the North-East corner of Humboldt and Rupert Streets, with a frontage of 195 ft. on Humboldt Street and 240 ft. on Rupert Street.

The building will be two stories in height, with basement.

The Administration Building will face the corner, with the patients' wing to be first erected facing Humboldt Street. This wing can be duplicated on (Humboldt Street) Rupert Street when the occasion demands.

The Administration Building will be 40 ft. x 90 ft., and the wing on Humboldt Street 40 ft. x 102 ft.

The building will be constructed entirely of brick and reinforced concrete. All floors and stairs will be finished with terrazzo doved base. The windows and doors will be the only woodwork used in the building.

The basement will be largely used for storage purposes and quarters for the employees.

The ground floor of the Administration Building will contain the offices, patients' sitting room, living quarters for the housekeeper, kitchen, etc.

The ground floor of the Humboldt Street wing will contain five private rooms with private baths and sun porches; also three wards, one for six and two for four patients, each with sun porches, etc., complete. Each floor will have a diet kitchen and complete service departments.

On the second floor will be located the Chapel, small operating room, two semi-private rooms of two beds each with bath and sun porches; three wards, one of six beds and two or four beds each with porches, etc., also complete service department.

A portion of the flat roof will be covered with quarry tile and fitted up as a roof garden for the use of the patients.

An electric elevator will serve all floors, and the building will be heated by steam from the central heating plant.

The First Public Appeal

The above described buildings are needed for immediate occupancy, and would cost over \$300,000.

The Sisters are willing to borrow, but it would be rash on their part to assume liabilities which they could not pay, remembering that they still owe seventy-five thousand dollars on the last addition, built in 1908.

This is the first time in the history of St. Joseph's Hospital that the Sisters have made a public appeal to the citizens for building funds, and therefore they are confident that the public will not forget the many years of devoted service which they have received from St. Joseph's Hospital.

Do You Know

THAT St. Joseph's has cared for over fifty thousand patients.

THAT St. Joseph's has a Ladies' Auxiliary, which completed over sixteen thousand pieces of sewing during the last year.

THAT 250 Nurses have graduated from St. Joseph's Hospital Training School.

THAT St. Joseph's, previous to 1923, saved the Province an average of \$15,000 per year in the way of per capita grant.

THAT St. Joseph's has a yearly payroll of over forty thousand dollars.

THAT It costs St. Joseph's over \$4.00 a day for the care of each patient.

THAT It costs St. Joseph's \$500.00 a day to operate the Hospital.

THAT St. Joseph's has contributed Charity Work to the amount of over \$15,000.00 a year.