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TO THE SISTERS OF CHARITY

Those noble women whose faithful and unselfish devotion in the care of our sick and afflicted has enkindled our admiration through their many years of work among us, whose sacrifices, courage and charity are a symbol of their consecrated lives to the Divine Healer;

TO OUR MEDICAL STAFF

Who in the practice of their dedicated profession are a daily source of strength and comfort to us in time of illness and suffering;

TO OUR NURSING STAFF

Living always the pledge of their profession to minister to their patients, either lowly or great,

THIS BOOK IS HUMBLY AND AFFECTIONATELY
DEDICATED.

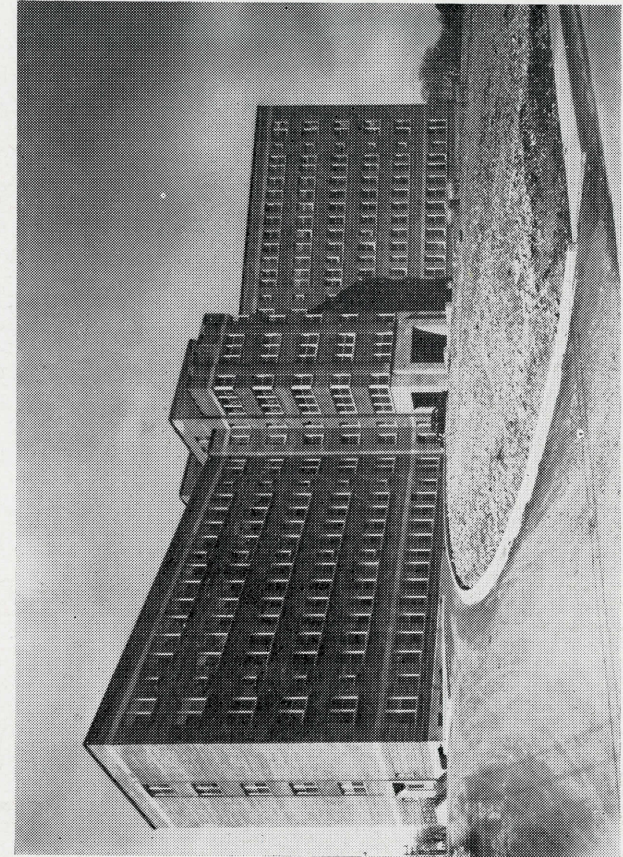
IN THE BEGINNING . . .



AND AFTER . . .



AND NOW !



THE STORY IN BRIEF

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1908—The Hamilton Memorial Hospital was opened in 1908. On September 1, the Sisters of Charity took up residence in the hospital.

1909—A Ladies' Auxiliary was formed.

1911—The Board of Directors was formed.

1911—A Training School for Nurses was organized.

1930—A new wing was opened including a Maternity Section.

1937—The Alumnae were organized.

1940—A further addition was completed.

1943—The Well Baby Clinic was formally opened.

1944—The first graduate in X-Ray technology.

1950—August. Turning of the sod for the new Saint Elizabeth Hospital.

1952—September 17. Laying of corner stone.

1954—May 12. Admission of first patients.

1954—September 8. Official opening.

THE STORY

THE HAMILTON Memorial Hospital was opened in 1908. The original house, known as the "Priest's Glebe House," was purchased by Mr. Alexander Hamilton, who was desirous of establishing a hospital in North Sydney in memory of his son, Charles. He requested the proper authorities that the proposed institution be staffed by the Sisters and presented the deed to the Sisters of Charity. Not only did Mr. Hamilton see to the suitability of the building but he donated most generously to the equipping of the hospital.

On September 1, 1908, the Sisters took up residence in the hospital with a staff of five, two of whom were nurses, namely, Sister Mary Austin, Superior (1908—1917) and Sister Elizabeth Seton.

The first board of directors was formed in 1911 and included Reverend William Kiely, P.P., president, Mr. Joseph Macdonald, vice-president, Mr. Richard Hickey, representing the Provincial Government, Mayor F. L. Kelly and Sister M. Austin, Superior, treasurer.

The present board of directors are Very Reverend J. C. Chisholm, P.P., V.F., president, Mr. Ronald Macdonald, L.B., vice-president, Mr. Reginald F. McNeil, secretary, Sister Vincent Marie, superior and administrator, Sister Ursula Marie, treasurer, Mayor A. Charles Thompson, W. M. Buchanan, D.D.S., M.P. and Mr. John M. Morrison, representing the workmen of Old Sydney Collieries.

The first medical staff of the hospital was composed of Doctors T. H. Smith, R. C. McLeod, M. T. McLean, J. W. McLean and H. Rhindress, while in the year 1908 services were rendered to the patients by Doctor Kendall of Sydney, Doctors A. Love, L. W. Johnston and B. Francis of Sydney Mines.

The first operation was performed on September 22, 1908, by Dr. M. T. McLean, the anaesthetic being administered by Dr. Love of Sydney Mines. Mrs. R. Bolling was the first patient, entering the hospital on September 18, 1908. The first appendix operation was performed on Miss Laura McLeod and the first Caesarian section was performed in May, 1913.

In 1911, a training school for nurses was organized and the first graduation took place on June 20, 1914. The principal address to the graduates was given by Dr. J. W. McLean and the program included a recitation by Mrs. (Dr.) M. T. McLean and addresses by Rev. William Kiely, P.P., Rev. Dr. T. C. Jack, of St. Matthew's and Rev. William Nichols of St. John's Church of England.

The Hamilton Memorial Hospital has graduated 157 nurses and 6 technicians in radiology. Within the nursing school the various subjects are taught by qualified instructresses (Sisters) and lectures are given by members of the medical staff. Religion and ethics are taught by the priests of Saint Joseph's Parish.

The nursing school has affiliations in Halifax with the Children's Hospital, the Infectious Diseases Hospital and the Halifax Infirmary.

The interests of the Hospital are associated with the Well Baby Clinic which was formally opened in April, 1943, under the sponsorship of Reverend J. A. Butts, then pastor of Saint Joseph's Church and was continuously financed by him. To Reverend Father Butts, much gratitude is due for the good work carried on by the clinic during the past decade.

The purpose of the clinic is to promote the child health of the town and its services are open to all, irrespective of religion.

Local doctors give voluntary service, as do members of the senior and junior Ladies' Sodalties. A public health nurse, one Sister and two student nurses render nursing attention at each clinic session.



**HIS EXCELLENCY, MOST REVEREND JOHN R. MACDONALD
BISHOP OF ANTIGONISH**

THE BISHOP'S GREETING

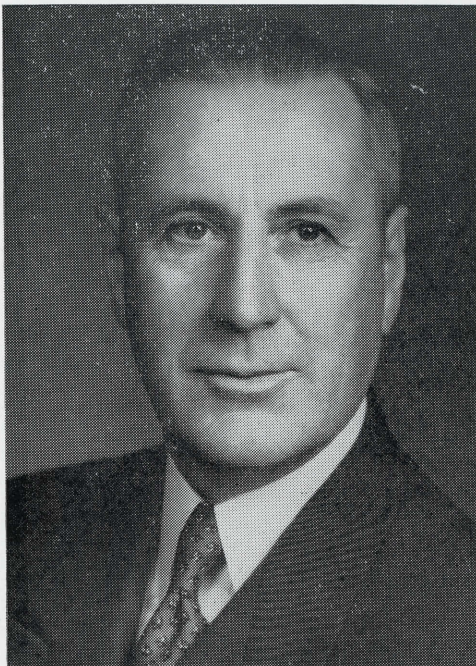
Rejoicing with all the friends and supporters of Saint Elizabeth Hospital, I join them in extending greetings and good wishes on the occasion of its formal opening.

I join them, too, in thanking the Sisters of Charity for providing this beautiful and fully modern hospital for the people of this part of Cape Breton.

A new hospital, built at heavy cost and largely with borrowed money, needs more than good wishes. Therefore, attached to this greeting is a cheque, which I wish were for a larger amount. Small as it is, it nevertheless gives tangible form to my good wishes.

JOHN R. MACDONALD
Bishop of Antigonish

A cheque for \$1,000 accompanied the above greeting and was given to the Saint Elizabeth Hospital Aid by His Excellency on behalf of the Antigonish Diocese to carry on their work. This outstanding gift is gratefully acknowledged and will be used to purchase special equipment.



As a member of the Board of Directors of Saint Elizabeth Hospital, I am delighted in joining with others in extending my congratulations and best wishes to the Sisters of Charity, who give so unsparingly their time and effort in this great humanitarian work and to the contractors who completed the building in such an efficient manner and all others who played a part in bringing to completion this great institution which, I trust, will long serve the people of this district, whom I have the honor to represent in Parliament.

WILLIAM M. BUCHANAN, M.P.
Cape Breton North & Victoria



On this memorable occasion, I, in my capacity as a public representative, wish to extend to Saint Elizabeth Hospital and the Sisters of Charity, my heartiest congratulations and to ask the people not only of my own constituency but also all those who have been or who will be fortunate enough to contact Saint Elizabeth's, to lend their every support to the good Sisters in the task which they have so courageously undertaken.

ALEX O'HANDLEY, M.L.A.
Cape Breton North



THE SISTERS OF CHARITY:

As Mayor of the Town of North Sydney, it gives me great pleasure at this time to congratulate the good Sisters of Charity for the extraordinary effort they have put forth and the wonderful results they have obtained in the erection and completion of the new Saint Elizabeth Hospital. We are sure this hospital is the equal, if not the superior, to any hospital in Canada for a town the size of North Sydney and it is certainly up to our citizens at this time to do everything they possibly can to make this hospital the success it so richly deserves. On behalf of the town council, the town officials and employees, we sincerely thank you.

A. CHARLES THOMPSON, *Mayor*

MESSAGES OF GREETING

May I express my best wishes on the occasion of the opening of the new Saint Elizabeth Hospital.

This fine 184 bed hospital will fulfill a great need in the North Sydney district. It represents also, another forward step in the record of service performed so ably over the years by the Sisters of Charity and the public-spirited persons who have assisted them.

I express the hope that all who are associated in this undertaking may enjoy continued success in this very important work of public service.

Yours very sincerely,

ANGUS L. MACDONALD
Premier of Nova Scotia

Shortly after we received the above message, we learned with deep regret of the sudden death of our provincial premier, the Honourable Angus L. Macdonald. His kind greeting was forwarded to us just a few days before. A Christian gentleman, the interest of "Angus L." and his efforts in all our community undertakings will be sadly missed. May he rest in peace.

These few words of greetings and our happiness on the opening of the new Saint Elizabeth Hospital are offered to express the feelings of the members of Saint Joseph's Parish, North Sydney. There cannot be any other thought than one of jubilation that now there is provided the best of professional services for the benefit of our sick and afflicted. Such services include the most up-to-date equipment that medical science requires and utilizes in the alleviation of the ills of humanity. All who enter these new halls can be assured that everything humanly possible will be done for their comfort and advantage in bringing them back to good health.

Everyone is stirred with admiration for the Sisters of Charity who, in their yearning to help others through the love of Christ, have given tangible expression to this yearning and the people of Saint Joseph's Parish also join in humble gratitude that now all the services, both professional and modern, are available for the good of all.

It is fitting to mention the helpful and continuing interest and devotion of the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary who have over the years given gladly of their time and services to promote the work associated with an institution that seeks to render service to mankind. A sincere expression of gratitude, therefore, goes forth to everyone who has made possible this marvellous hospital and the good work it will foster in the years to come.

May the love of the Suffering Christ bless all who enter this hospital and guide those who minister within its walls.

VERY REVEREND J. C. CHISHOLM, P.P., V.F.
Pastor, Saint Joseph's Parish

As Minister of National Health and Welfare, I am happy to join in congratulating the people of North Sydney and the surrounding area on the official opening of the new Saint Elizabeth Hospital which is appropriately taking place on National Hospital Day. It was a source of considerable satisfaction to me that the Federal Government was able to provide a very substantial grant to assist in the construction of this fine, modern institution.

National Hospital day coincides with another important event, for it comes during the week that marks the Sixth Anniversary of Canada's National Health Program. Under this co-operative plan, the provincial and federal governments have worked together to achieve the most encouraging health progress in Canada's history. For example, in the field of hospital construction alone, more than 400 new hospitals and hospital additions have been undertaken to provide more than 50,000 additional beds.

While government interest and government support are important, they can never replace the personal contribution of the individual citizen. And so, on this happy occasion, I should like to commend everyone who has taken a part, however small, in the building of Saint Elizabeth Hospital. The contribution that it will make to the life of the community in the years ahead will amply reward your effort, interest and faith.

PAUL MARTIN

Since Mr. Martin's greeting was received, it was decided that the official opening would be held on September 8, while "Moving Day" would take place on May 12. Mr. Martin's message was so informative it was felt that no change should be made in his timely and kind remarks.

On this happy occasion, it gives me great pleasure to extend to you, on behalf of the Department of Public Health of this Province, kindest greetings and warmest congratulations.

It is our expressed wish and belief that Saint Elizabeth's, in its service to the people of North Sydney and the Island, will not only maintain the high reputation enjoyed by the Hamilton Memorial but will go on to enhance that reputation.

So, again, our most sincere congratulations to all those who had a part in making Saint Elizabeth's a reality.

HAROLD CONNOLLY
Minister of Public Health
Nova Scotia

On behalf of the citizens of the Town of Sydney Mines, I extend to the Sisters of Charity warmest greetings on the occasion of the completion of the new Saint Elizabeth Hospital. The courage of the Sisters in undertaking this gigantic task in the face of tremendous financial difficulties is admired by all and our sincerest good wishes go to each and every one who have played a part in this great institution. As your neighboring town,

we thank you for your mutual efforts along with ours in continuing to foster and safeguard the health of our respective communities.

Sincerely yours,

D. OWEN HARTIGAN, *Mayor*,
Town of Sydney Mines

On behalf of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, North Sydney, I bring greetings.

To those who first visualized a new hospital, and then began to give and labour for its construction, all praise is due. And in this connection, the actual builders are to be congratulated for this magnificent structure. As someone says, nothing has been left out.

The work of a hospital is a vital branch of our Christian religion. The scope of the gospel is to preach and to teach and to heal.

How often I hear patients say "the hospital is the place to come when you are sick."

May Divine blessing be upon all who serve in this great ministry of healing.

Yours very sincerely,

REVEREND ALFRED THORPE
Supply Minister

More than 1900 years ago, Jesus healed by the seashore of Galilee, in the market place, in homes and elsewhere as His ministry brought Him in close relationship with people and their needs. As followers of the Great Physician we cannot do less than manifest an interest in and concern for the sick of body and spirit.

Accordingly, on the occasion of the opening of the new Saint Elizabeth Hospital, we extend greetings that the patients may find restoration of health or, failing that, the assurance of God's abiding presence as they leave this world; that the physicians and nurses may have skill and efficiency in the discharge of their sacred tasks; that the administration may witness the spirit of God working in co-operation with their management for the promotion of health.

Sincerely yours,

PASTOR REV. DONALD M. QUIGG, B.A., B.D.,
and Members of Calvary Baptist Church

GREETINGS:

I take this opportunity to extend very best wishes to the new Saint Elizabeth Hospital. It is a credit to the community. It is modern and excellently equipped both to render medical and surgical treatment. This beautiful, new hospital was greatly needed to give aid to the sick and suffering.

For all those who have played a part and will take part or will assist

in any way in this fine institution, I pray our great God will be with them as they minister unto others.

Very sincerely yours,
PASTOR A. HEWITT,
of the Pentecostal Church
North Sydney, C.B.

It is my sincere pleasure on behalf of the Board of Directors of Harbor View Hospital, to extend on this memorable occasion, our warmest congratulations and admiration for the magnificent work you have accomplished in bringing to reality the Saint Elizabeth Hospital.

We in Cape Breton have made rapid strides toward the health and welfare of our respective communities and we feel sure the splendid service rendered by your institution will be considerably enhanced in the future.

Furthermore, you can feel assured that your gracious efforts will be most amply rewarded by the knowledge that you have contributed in no small manner to many happy homes and the improved health of our community.

ROBERT MUIR,
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Harbor View Hospital, Sydney Mines

It is an honor and a privilege to join my fellow clergy in extending to you my warmest greetings on the occasion of the dedication of the Saint Elizabeth Hospital.

We who are frequent visitors in the hospitals and are in daily contact with the sick, the bedridden and the distressed, only realize full well the indispensability of this institution for humanity.

You are performing a Herculean service in the cause of human welfare—the practicing of mercy and healing, thereby imitating God who is in our tradition the “Merciful Healer.”

May your house of healing ever serve those in need of relief and care faithfully and devotedly, and may the Divine Healer guide and sustain you in your endeavours to bring aid, love, compassion and comfort to the sick and the weak.

RABBI ISRAEL KENNER
Temple Sons of Israel,
Sydney, N.S.

To those who have passed by and only seen the outward progress of construction go forward steadily, there can be little conception of the tremendous planning and labour that has made this beautiful edifice, to be known as Saint Elizabeth Hospital, a reality.

Therefore, it affords me a personal pleasure to be given the privilege of expressing my congratulations to all those responsible for the erection of this building.

Our prayer should constantly be that all those who enter its doors as patients will find it a haven of healing; that the doctors, nurses and staff will have Christ-like love and patience coupled with their knowledge. May He

who is the Great Physician bless all that is done in His name within the walls of this place dedicated to the healing of the minds and bodies of the sick and afflicted.

REV. SIDNEY J. DAVIES
District Secretary, British and Foreign
Bible Society

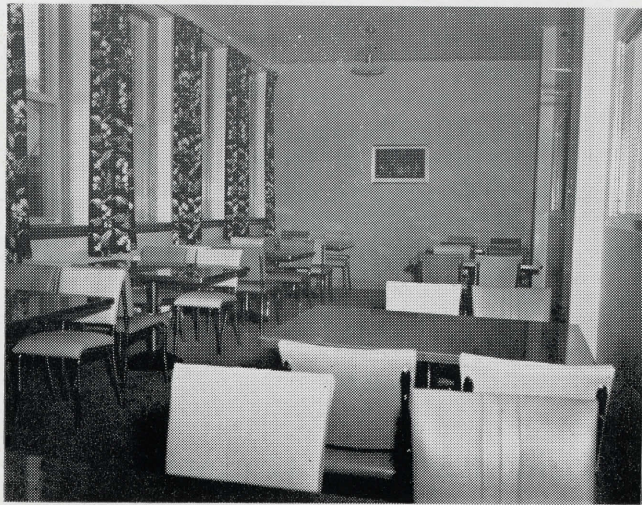
The congregation of St. Matthew-Wesley United Church joins with the community in extending congratulations on the completion of Saint Elizabeth Hospital.

REV. E. V. MORIARTY, Minister

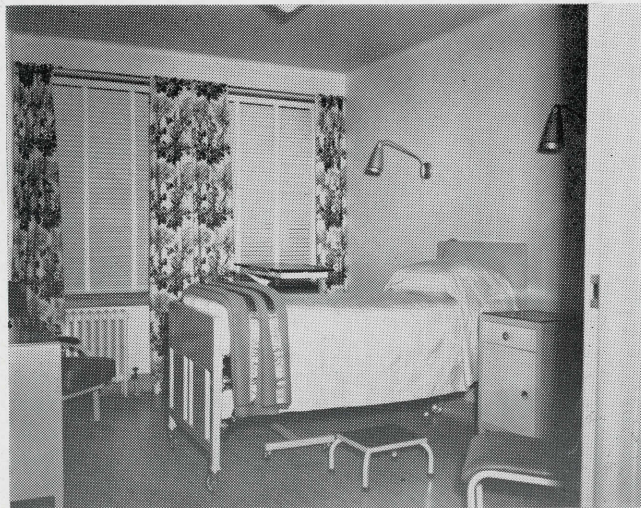
Nurses who received their “Cap,” July 2, 1954 at Saint Elizabeth Hospital



Miss Mary Cleary Miss Margaret Kennedy
Miss Rose Marie Lathigee Miss Florence MacDonald Miss Rosaire Gillis



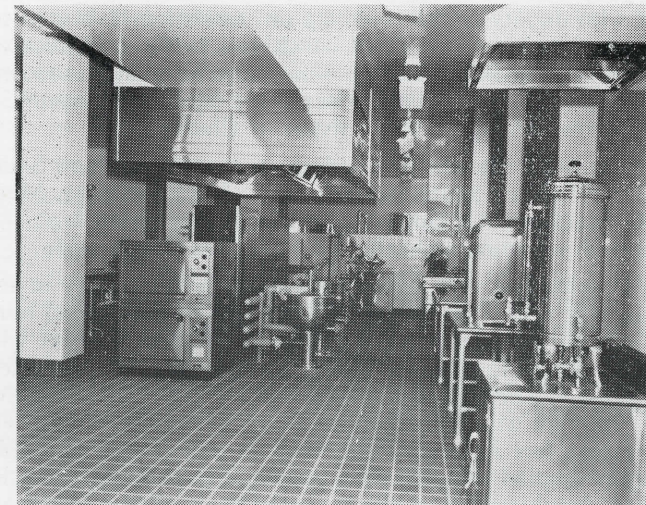
THE NURSES' DINING ROOM



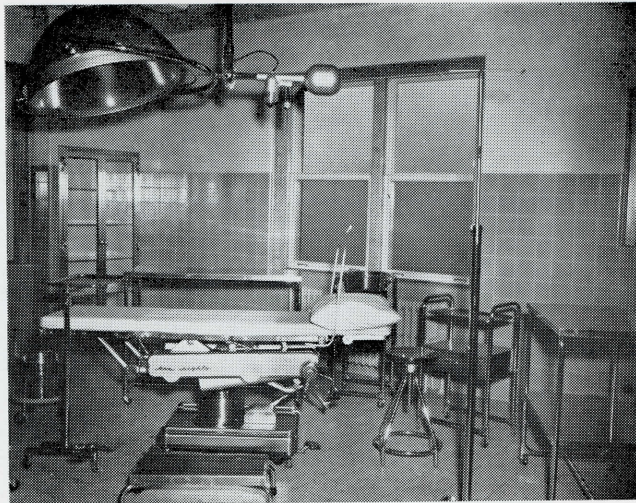
A PRIVATE ROOM IN THE NEW HOSPITAL



A SECTION OF THE SOLARIUM



ONE SECTION OF THE MODERN KITCHEN



AN OPERATING ROOM AT SAINT ELIZABETH

A DREAM COME TRUE

ON MAY 12, 1954, National Hospital Day, Saint Elizabeth Hospital opened its doors to receive the first hospital patients. It was an historic event for the people of the Northside district, an event which was observed quietly and with dignity as was befitting an institution dedicated to the care of our sick and suffering; an event which saw loving arms receive its first smiling patient—wee Baby Bungay—in whose laughing, innocent eyes one saw the hope of the future, a modern, fully equipped hospital, a gift to the town of North Sydney from the Sisters of Charity.

It was in August, 1950, that the first sod was turned for the new Saint Elizabeth Hospital and then on September 17, 1952, His Excellency, Most Reverend John R. MacDonald, Bishop of Antigonish, officiated at the solemn laying of the corner stone. At that time His Excellency said:

“A voluntary hospital is a very important symbol of democracy in action. Let us preserve it, cost what it may. There is a great financial burden for the Sisters of Charity. How will they pay off the debt? They will save by giving to this hospital the free services of a large group of Sisters for the next 40 to 50 years. The spiritual corner stone of this hospital is the charity of Christ. May all who labor herein always exemplify it. May all who come here for care feel its beauty and warmth and power. In this spirit Saint Elizabeth Hospital will serve the people. In this spirit should the people support it, for this spirit of charity is the basis of true Christian democracy.”

On September 8, 1954, the hospital will be officially opened and on that day the general public will be invited to tour the building and get a first

hand view of hospitalization at its best. They will see a community in itself, an almost self-supporting institution with the most modern facilities available. Nothing seems to have been missed in the careful planning of this three-year job which was under the supervision of Mr. Thomas Gilmour of Montreal, general superintendent of the project for the T. C. Gorman Company.

The imposing building, towering over Sydney harbour entrance, is a landmark that will stand down through the years as a bustling reminder of the hospital pioneers, the Sisters of Charity, and others who made it possible.

It is an immense building of seven stories, including the finished basement and is of brick and steel construction. It is equipped with its own power plant and is capable of meeting any emergencies concerning lighting and fire hazards. It has its own fire pumps and a 250 kilowatt generator.

Located on the former Purves estate, it has one of the most delightful views of any hospital in the country.

Off the main lobby on the ground floor is the information desk and switchboard room. A coffee shop and waiting alcove are on the opposite side of the entrance.

The pharmacy is on the west wing of the ground floor near the lobby. It is equipped with the Schwartz Sectional System for storing and filing drugs, chemicals and pharmaceutical preparations. These cabinets are within reach so that no longer will one need the agility of a monkey or the dexterity of an Alpine goat to climb a ladder to reach the top shelf. The stock room in the basement may easily be reached by the spiral stairway leading down from the inside workroom.

The Out Patient Department comes next on the floor and has a large waiting area, three treatment rooms, a minor operating room and recovery room. Here, patients will be treated for slight injuries or minor ailments. The ambulance entrance is also near here. Patients coming in this way can be taken directly to upper floors as this elevator opens on both sides.

One of the most modern kitchens in the country is located in the rear of the ground floor. The cooking ranges, steam kettles, etc., are so arranged as to eliminate the drudgery usually connected with this work. All counters, work tables, etc., are of stainless steel. The scullery, salad area, butcher shop and bake room are each separated by a five foot tile wall, thus allowing plenty of light, air and sunshine in all corners. At the rear of the kitchen are four walk-in refrigerators. At the opposite end is a diet kitchen for preparing various special diets. A service elevator is also in the kitchen so that electrically heated food trucks may take food to the diet kitchens on the other five floors. Two dumb waiters are also located here to help speed the food to the floors.

The dish washing room is close by in the east wing. An electric dish washing machine will sterilize dishes coming from the cafeteria and patient's trays.

The Cafeteria is next, equipped with complete stainless steel front and

back bar. A graduate nurses' dining room and a larger one for the student nurses are off the cafeteria. Both are gaily furnished.

The boiler room and laundry are in the rear of the building. The boiler room, containing two large stokers, generators, turbines, etc., will be for one interested in this type of engineering, a man's paradise. The laundry is located above. This, too, is bright, airy and cheerful, equipped with modern machinery.

The Administration Department is located on the first floor in the west wing. The department is comprised of the Administrator's Office, Admitting Office, Director of Nurses' Office, General Business Office and Doctor's Lounge. The Medical Record Room is also in this locality. Here the complete records of patients are kept and all statistical matter is recorded by this department.

The Roentgenology Department is in the east wing of this floor. The department is equipped for all phases of diagnostic roentgenology and also X-ray therapy.

The Clinical Laboratory is in the rear wing, as well as the Pediatric Department. There, also, are three wards, an isolation ward and a play room for the children.

The second and third floors are devoted to private and semi-private rooms and wards for patients. The largest ward will have six beds. All rooms are attractively decorated, as the right use of color in a hospital can play a pleasant part of the getting well process.

Each floor has a diet kitchen where the food will be supervised for distribution to the patients.

The large Solarium on each floor of the building will be a magnet for both patients and visitors, as the scenery is always so fascinating.

The Obstetrical Department is found on the fourth floor. Two labor rooms, two delivery rooms, two nurseries, a suspect nursery and formula room are in the east wing, leaving the other wings for patients' rooms.

In the east wing of the fifth floor will be found the operating rooms. Here are two major operating rooms, a minor, a cystoscopic room and an orthopedic room. The walls are pale green tile and all rooms are equipped with piped-in oxygen and suction. The tables are the best adapted for surgical procedures. Each room has an illuminated X-ray viewing screen so that the surgeon may consult his X-ray picture during the process of an operation. A large work room is located near by.

The Chapel is also on this floor and will be open to patients and visitors at all times.

The student nurses will be domiciled in the rear of the third and fourth floors. The classrooms will be in the basement. There will be one demonstration room, a class room, a dietetic laboratory, a chemical laboratory and a recreation room.

MODIFIED HIPPOCRATIC OATH

As one about to receive the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Master of Surgery I solemnly affirm, in the presence of Almighty God, the Searcher of Hearts:

That I shall forever remember and faithfully fulfil the obligations of gratitude for my training;

That with constant care and scrupulous integrity, so far as lies in my power, I shall render professional service to the sick and the injured;

That I shall not undertake to perform tasks beyond my ability and competence;

That I shall constantly strive by all reasonable means to add to my knowledge and skill;

That I shall abstain from all acts that might cast discredit upon my high and noble calling;

And that in the practice of my profession I shall at all times, to the utmost degree consistent with public duty, preserve inviolate the confidence of my patients.

So help me God to keep this Pledge.

The above is the oath taken by our medical doctors who graduate from our own provincial medical school, Dalhousie University.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE

I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly to pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully. I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug. I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling. With loyalty will I endeavour to aid the physician in his work and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.



MEMBERS OF THE HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF

Reading from Left to Right

Top Row: Doctors K. A. Fraser, W. J. Lamond, H. J. Martin, T. J. McKeough, H. J. Davidson, W. A. Richards, W. A. Gardner, H. W. Strickland, E. A. Moffitt.
Bottom Row: Major B. Archibald, Doctors J. S. Munro, L. R. Meech, (Chief of Staff) D. B. Archibald, the late Doctor David Archibald, Doctor A. C. Gouthro.

THEY SERVE

A SPIRIT OF CONCERN and dependable devotedness is characteristic of our present staff, the first of whom to join the staff in 1910 being that gracious and professional gentleman D. W. Archibald, M.D., F.A.C.S., of Sydney Mines.

We would be remiss if we did not take special note of three self-sacrificing physicians and surgeons who are next in connection with the hospital for seniority and years of service, J. S. Munro, M.D., C.M., L. R. Meech, M.D., C.M., M.C. and W. T. McKeough, M.D., C.M.

"Doc" Meech, as he is affectionately known, won the Military Cross during World War I for outstanding gallantry in action while serving with the Dalhousie Medical Unit. As chief of staff he has won the respect and admiration of all his associates for his skill in surgery.

Affectionately known to so many and affectionately typed "family doctor," Doctor Munro also serves his community as health officer. A tireless worker, interested in all civic projects, Doctor Munro has promoted the work of cancer education and assistance to cancer patients locally to a degree of high efficiency.

From Sydney Mines, Doctor McKeough has given untiring and unselfish service to the hospital over a period of years. Known throughout the whole Northside community, the Immunization Clinic in the town of Sydney Mines is rendering a service to the children of infinite importance. His pioneer work in this field and in fostering cancer education among lay people is well recognized. Doctor McKeough was this year elected vice-president of the Provincial Cancer Society.

It is with profound regret that before publication of this book Doctor David W. Archibald was called to rest. His loss is a personal one to the Sisters of Charity and his colleagues and indeed to the hundreds of citizens including both patients and friends. Our sincere and deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Archibald and family in their great loss.



In the above group are some of the members of the Saint Elizabeth Hospital Aid.

THE HOSPITAL AID

HAMILTON Memorial Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary was organized in 1909 through the efforts of Dr. R. C. McLeod. To this organization is due high praise for the zealous and untiring interest of its members in all matters affecting the hospital. These ladies were distinguished for their gracious way of conferring benefits and of rendering assistance. Mrs. James Vooght, a kindly, retiring lady, was its first president. Special reference must be made to the second president, Mrs. James Purves, who for almost thirty years devoted unlimited time and energy to her beloved Hamilton Hospital.

From its inception, the ladies of the Auxiliary have given whole-hearted co-operation in their ceaseless efforts to advance the various works of the hospital and have given generously to its equipment by way of large gifts. Almost \$30,000 was given by this auxiliary through the years. Among outstanding gifts were an x-ray unit, a furnished room, an electro-cardiograph and a fracture table.

In all that pertained to the betterment of the hospital by the good work of the senior Ladies' Auxiliary, a leading part was taken by its devoted

presidents, Mrs. James Vooght, Mrs. James Purves, Mrs. H. E. Whitman, Mrs. W. V. Hoyt and Mrs. Peter McMullin. It will be noted that Mrs. Peter McMullin was the last president of this group which decided to retire in favor of a younger group. Consequently these senior members became associate members and are still rendering invaluable assistance to the present hospital aid by helping in all projects and in their general interest and affection.

Mention should be made also of the other first officers, 1st vice-presidents Mrs. Jenner, Mrs. H. P. McPherson, Mrs. Sidney Salter, Mrs. J. J. Pallen; treasurer, Mrs. E. J. Christie and secretary, Mrs. D. F. Nolan.

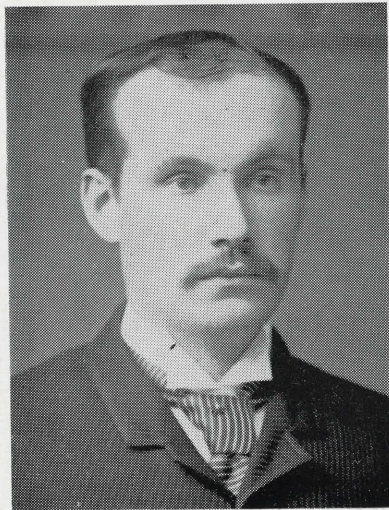
Other prominent workers included Mrs. Willard Thompson, Mrs. John Cogan, Mrs. Stanley Purves, Mrs. J. J. Roy, Mrs. Robert LeMoine, Mrs. B. R. Rice, Miss Mary Cogan, Mrs. Joseph Salter, Mrs. E. P. Angel, Mrs. George Ashley, Mrs. L. R. Meech, Mrs. T. M. Phelan, Mrs. R. F. Phalen and Mrs. Sarah McCarthy. Mrs. McCarthy, who passed away a few months ago, was the last surviving charter member.

On February 12, 1947, the younger ladies formed what was known as the "Evening Branch of the Ladies' Auxiliary." Their primary interest at that time was in supplying needed equipment for the nursery and gifts for the maternity department. An amount of \$5,000 has so far been spent on equipment, including an electric dish washer for the Saint Elizabeth Hospital and three electric sewing machines. Chief among the furnishings for the nursery are two Armstrong baby incubators and an Emerson resuscitator.

It would offend the spontaneous charity and the desired anonymity of their giving to detail the works of this auxiliary group. We do want to make known, however, that the proceeds of the "Gift Case" accrued from the lovely hand work as well as the cards for all occasions, have gone into the equipment fund for the new Saint Elizabeth Hospital, this being the initial intent of the present auxiliary.

Much initiative and quality of leadership has been taken by the loyal presidents of this auxiliary, the first of whom was Mrs. (Dr.) R. E. Pugh, Mrs. Percy Green, Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. Nelson Rice, Miss Zita Garnier, Mrs. Edson Gowda and Mrs. Jack Lockman.

On May 12, 1954, National Hospital Day, Hamilton Hospital Auxiliary sponsored their annual Florence Nightingale Day, an event which has become almost a legend in the town of North Sydney and the surrounding districts. On that day they became officially known as the Saint Elizabeth Hospital Aid. Their ideal will remain the same—good will towards their hospital and financial support.



DOCTOR "DAN" MacDONALD



DOCTOR H. RHINDRES



DOCTOR A. K. ROY

Untiring devotion to the patients, as well as interest and co-operation in all that pertained to the hospital, was manifested by these beloved doctors. Symbolic of our family doctor, they hold a cherished place in our memory. Remembered also is Doctor Kendall of Sydney, Doctor A. Love, Doctor L. W. Johnstone and Doctor Bernard Francis of Sydney Mines.

IN LOVING MEMORY



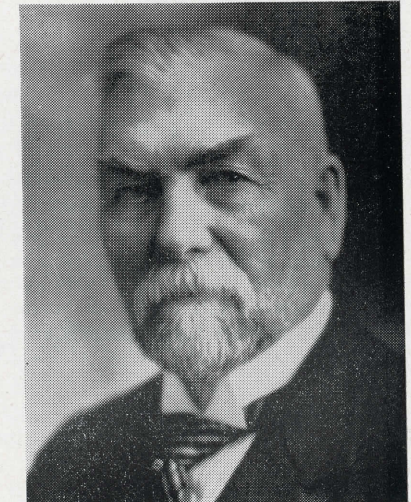
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DOCTOR J. W. McLEAN

THE ALUMNAE



Back row, from left to right: Mrs. A. Butts, Mrs. G. Cleary, Miss L. Mancini, Mrs. S. Lamie, Mrs. B. Mouton, Miss N. Wilkie.

Second row, from left to right: Mrs. T. Flemming, Mrs. A. Baxendale.

Front row from left to right: Mrs. E. Goora, Mrs. C. Taylor, president, Mrs. J. McNeil, Mrs. G. McInnis.

The Hamilton Memorial Alumnae was formed in 1937 and its first president was Mrs. D. V. Mancini who is still one of the organization's most active members. Its purpose is to foster a spirit of loyalty and union among the graduates of the school and they aim also to promote the educational, professional and social advancement of the students.

To this end they have supplied useful and valuable equipment for the nursing school and have contributed greatly to the recreational facilities.

The president of this group is Mrs. Clifford Taylor.

St. Jude's Guild

Another organization in which the alumnae shares is the Saint Jude's Guild. The Guild assists in charitable works and participates in the professional, educational and social activities of the Nursing Association. This organization is composed of all graduate Catholic nurses on the North-side and its president is Mrs. D. V. Mancini.

OUR FIRST BABIES

In April, 1930, when a new wing was added to the original small hospital, a complete maternity wing and nursery was a very special and welcome addition.



Mary Hamilton Mancini

The first baby to make her appearance was Miss Mary Hamilton Mancini, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Mancini, who was born on April 6th, just a day or so after the official opening. Mary was given the second name "Hamilton" to commemorate the happy event. A graduate of both Mount Saint Vincent College and Saint Francis Xavier University, Mary has just completed another course in family welfare at Grailville Community College, Loveland, Ohio, U.S.A.



John Gilbert Allan

John Gilbert Allan was born on April 20th, 1930, the son of Florence (Pilkington) and David H. Allan and the grandson of Mrs. John Pilkington and the late John Pilkington, one time mayor of North Sydney, an official who co-operated fully and took a keen interest in the local hospital. John is a graduate of Rothesay Collegiate and Acadia University. A keen athlete, his chief hobby is the boys' camps in Saint John, N.B.

Our good wishes follow these two young people, both of whom we are proud to name as our first babies and who heralded a long list of boys and girls, who, we know, will add to the glorious future of our community.

WITH DEEP AFFECTION

Sister M. Irenaeus



SISTER M. IRENAEUS

The first graduation of the Hamilton Memorial Hospital Training School took place on June 20, 1914. Receiving her diploma and other honors in a private assembly of the Sisters, was our beloved Sister M. Irenaeus. A highly qualified nurse, Sister is known to hundreds of former patients and today at Lourdes Sanitorium in Nova Scotia, she is remembered often by both nurses and old friends. Possessed of special qualities of understanding and sympathy and a lovable sense of humor, this kindly Sister is remembered by many a young student nurse and many who came to her for comfort in days of sadness or illness.

An exemplary Sister of Charity, her devotedness to those under her care and her great love for the Divine Healer will shine forever in our hospital corridors and in our hearts.

Mrs. James Purves—Auxiliary President for over Thirty Years

"Mrs. Jim," gracious lady whose name is synonymous with Hamilton Hospital.

It would literally take pages to write of the untiring activities and generous devotion of this noble woman. The long list of benefits conferred on the hospital during her office of president, testifies to great work and her record of accomplishment with Auxiliary members who worked so hard because they loved her and the ideal she so ably fostered.

Writing to us recently she said, "That the new hospital is situated on the site of my old home gives me a feeling of great happiness, while to recall my own association with that other opening so many years ago—the addition to Hamilton Memorial Hospital—fills me with nostalgia for the days

gone by and the old friends who gave themselves unstintingly and who have since passed on to their reward, I often think of my weekly visit on Saturday afternoon to H. M. H. when it gave me so much pleasure to visit all the patients and well remember one little boy in particular, known as 'Planky,' to whom I brought some trifle and when Sister Irenaeus said to him, 'Isn't that a kind lady?' he replied "Taint a lady, it's Mama Purves."

Please convey to the members of your Aid and to the Sisters, my warmest greetings on this great occasion and for always. Sincerely yours, Elizabeth A. Purves.



MRS. JAMES PURVES



DOCTOR W. T. McKEOUGH
Member of the Medical Staff



DOCTOR R. E. PUGH
Member of the Medical Staff

IN MEMORIAM



Mrs. James Vooght

**FIRST AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
IN 1909**

A kindly lady, the late Mrs. "Jim" Vooght laid the ground work upon which the present Saint Elizabeth Hospital Aid continues to foster. To this gentle lady is owed the beginnings of Hospital Aid services—a service of which the Sisters of Charity give high praise.



**Mr. Willard S.
Thompson**

HOSPITAL CHAMPION

One of North Sydney's most prominent citizens, the late Mr. Willard Thompson with kindly foresight and spirit was ever ready to assist in any project sponsored by Hamilton Hospital and who was quick to understand and act on the many problems confronting the first small institution. A truly Christian gentleman.

NAMES OF HOSPITAL SUPERIORS FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MISSION (1908—1954)

SISTER MARY AUSTIN
Sept. 1908—Sept. 1917

SISTER ANNA SETON
Sept. 1917—Sept. 1920

SISTER FRANCIS JOSEPH
Sept. 1920—Sept. 1926

SISTER MARIA GONZAGA
Sept. 1926—Sept. 1932

SISTER MARIA JOSEPHA
Sept. 1932—Sept. 1938

SISTER MARIA GONZAGA
Sept. 1938—Feb. 1942

(Died February 9, 1942)

SISTER DOROTHY THERESE
March 1942—August 1942

SISTER ANNA LOUISE
August 1942—August 1944

SISTER VINCENT MARIE
August 1944—August 1946

SISTER AGNES CARMEL
August 1946—August 1949

SISTER VINCENT MARIE
August 1949—August 1950

SISTER URSULA MARIE
August 1950—August 1951

SISTER VINCENT MARIE
August 1951—

It was Sister Vincent Marie who, while Superior at the Hamilton Memorial Hospital during the years 1944—1946, realized the need for a new and larger hospital with up-to-date facilities for a more satisfactory service to the patients. Having taken the initiative in this endeavour, Sister spared no efforts in causing to bring this about, with the result that during these years the original plans were drawn up by the architect, Mr. Edward J. Turcotte, F.R.A.I.C., After a period of deliberation necessitated by the tremendous expense of building, etc., the plans were considerably modified. The result is the present structure, so beautifully designed by Mr. Turcotte.

In the years intervening between the drawing up of the first plans and the commencement of construction, equipment was purchased for use at the Hamilton Memorial Hospital with the intention that it be later used at the new hospital.

During 1950—1951, Sister Ursula Marie witnessed the start of the work on the new building and worked unremittingly on matters in connection therewith. In August, 1951, Sister was relieved of all duties at the Hamilton and was assigned the supervision of the work being carried on in connection with the new structure. Much credit is due Sister for all that she did in this regard and for the planning and attention given to the furnishing of the building.

From August, 1951, to the present date, Sister Vincent Marie worked on many matters in connection with the new hospital. It is fitting that as Sister proposed its construction, she should coincidentally be the first Superior and Administrator of the Saint Elizabeth Hospital.



**Reverend William F. Kiely—President of the
Board of Directors for 31 Years**

The late Reverend William F. Kiely, who was pastor of Saint Joseph's Parish for 31 years, acted as president of the Hospital Board during that time. Beloved by the whole community, Father Kiely commanded the respect of all in his untiring labors for good and his many years of unselfish service in North Sydney. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace."



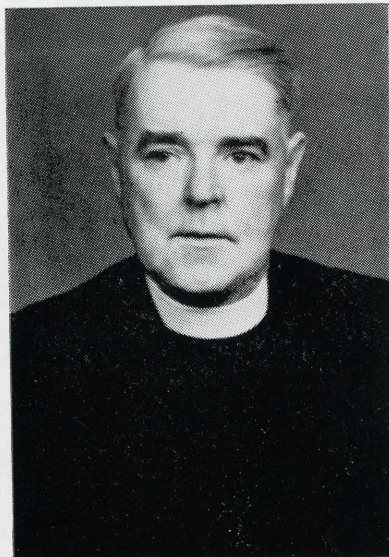
**Very Reverend John Adrian Butts
Past President of the Board of Directors**

Very Reverend John Adrian Butts, former pastor of Saint Joseph's Parish and also past president of the Board. Until ill health forced his retirement from active work a few months ago, Father Butts took an active interest and kindly attitude towards all community projects. His encouragement and wisdom during the tedious years of construction of the new Saint Elizabeth Hospital will always be remembered and the Children's Health Clinic, endorsed, endowed and fostered by Father Butts, is a glowing monument cherished by the citizens of North Sydney. On August 15th, Father Butts celebrated quietly in the hospital chapel, the 49th anniversary of his ordination to the holy priesthood. Good wishes and sincere congratulations are offered to him on this glorious milestone. At present a patient in Saint Elizabeth Hospital, our best wishes for a steady improvement in health are extended to him.

SOME OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



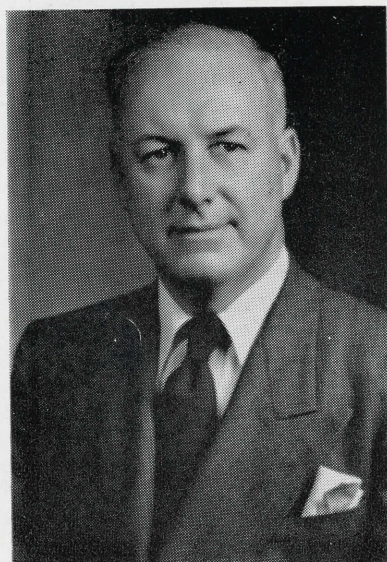
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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors was first formed in 1911 and this group whose members represent all classes, form a governing body under whose jurisdiction come the various laws and changes of hospital administration such as hospital rates, etc.

The present board of directors is comprised of Very Reverend J. C. Chisholm, P.P.V.F., president, Mr. A. Charles Thompson, mayor of the Town of North Sydney, Mr. Ronald Macdonald, LL.B., vice president, Mr. Reg. F. McNeil, secretary, W. M. Buchanan, D.D.S., M.P., Mr. John M. Morrison, representing the workmen of the Old Sydney Collieries, Sister Vincent Marie, superior and administrator, and Sister Ursula Marie, treasurer.



MISS CLARA REASHORE

Little Bras d'Or, N.S.

MISS CATHERINE B. WALKER

George's River, N.S.

Miss Clara Reashore of Little Bras d'Or and Miss Catherine Walker of George's River were in the first graduating class of 1914. Miss Reashore passed away in 1916 but Miss Walker is presently living in California and keeps in touch with her Alma Mater.



MRS. DANIEL DAYE

North Sydney, N.S.

Mrs Daniel Daye typifies the modern graduate as portrayed in the present smart uniform. A graduate in the 1939 Class, Mrs. Daye, the former Clara Reashore, is a niece and namesake of the Miss Clara Reashore of the first graduating class,

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This souvenir booklet is being offered as a memento of the opening of the Saint Elizabeth Hospital. We hope that through its pages happy memories of the past and fond hopes for the future will be found. We apologize for omissions—many, perhaps, are not mentioned who played a noble part in sponsoring first hospital services for our town. Bring those names to your lips with a fervent prayer.

Our sincere thanks are expressed to Sister Alma, Sister Ursula Marie and Mrs. John Cogan for valuable information and assistance in compiling this little book. Our association with Sister Ursula Marie during many months will long be cherished and good wishes to Sister in her new labors are extended.

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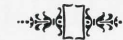
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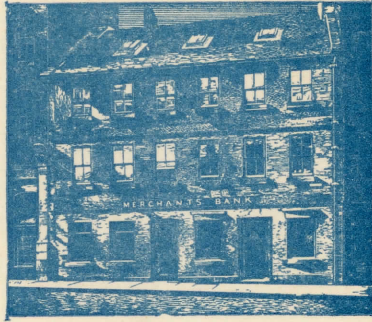
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