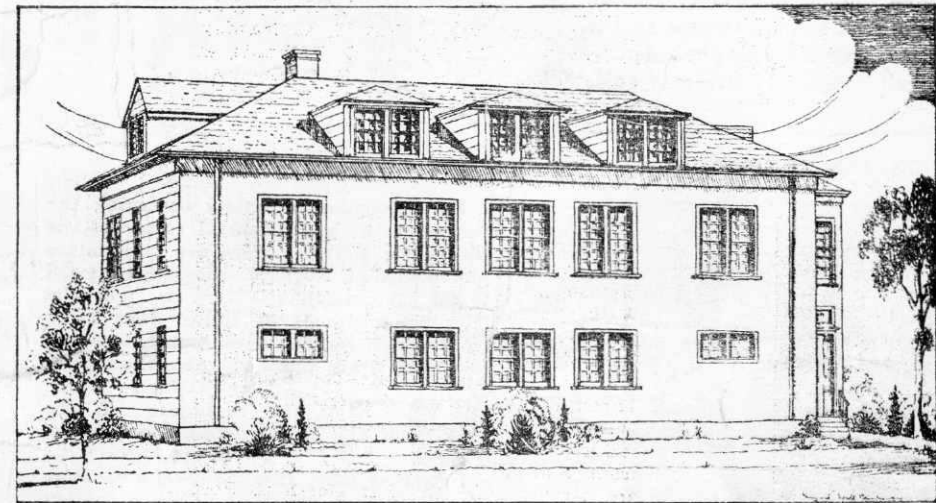




The Bishop Bompas Memorial Hospital

ATHABASCA DIOCESAN
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(DIOCESE OF ATHABASCA)



Fort-Norman, N.W.T.

(By the Arctic Circle)

Eight hundred (800) miles Without a Hospital

"There was one perpetual demand,—for better medical attendance. Medical services, indeed, are very patchy. There is a good Roman Catholic hospital at Fort Smith; but there is nothing after that until Aklavik."—The late Lord Tweedsmuir.
(This Hospital Fills this Need.)

Our late Governor-General in an address said. "I believe that the future of Canada lies in its Northland." Canada will no longer be a corridor reaching "from one sea to the other" but it shall be a land which will also reach "from the flood unto the world's end,"—from the Great Lakes to the North Pole. This is being realized in our own day. It has always been a land of Adventure—a land of brave men like Peter Pond, Hearne, Dease, Alexander Mackenzie and Franklin. It is still a Last Frontier where brave men and brave women may explore and search out the secret wealth of a land stored with treasures of infinite value. These treasures are gradually being uncovered today.

Ways and Means of Helping

EQUIPMENT

Hospital Kitchen Range	\$200.00
Kitchen Cooking Utensils	175.00
Dishes and Cutlery	100.00
Laundry Equipment	200.00

WARDS

Beds, each	\$ 60.00
Screens, each	25.00
Hospital Stands, each	25.00
Nursery	80.00

OPERATING ROOM\$300.00

NURSES' APARTMENTS

Nurses' Rooms, each	\$100.00
Nurses' Living Room	300.00
Radio	100.00

LINENS, ETC.

Bed linen, sheets, pillow cases, blankets, bedspreads, towels, bandages, dressings, baby clothing (layettes), night gowns, pyjamas, bed socks, hot water bottles, etc.

UPKEEP

Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per year will pay for the up-keep of one bed. Will you help in this way?

A. NURSE

Will you help to pay a Nurse's salary?

Will you PRAY for God's Blessing upon this Hospital?

CHEQUES

Please make cheques payable to "FORT NORMAN HOSPITAL FUND," send to

RIGHT REV. A. H. SOVEREIGN, D.D.,
BISHOP OF ATHABASCA,
PEACE RIVER, ALBERTA.

THE AWAKENING NORTH

The aeroplane has been largely responsible for this development, along with the untiring energy of the prospector and the miner. In 1938 the planes of the North flew two million miles, and carried eleven thousand passengers. They carried three million pounds of freight,—an amount greater than that of all the airlines of the United States put together. Forty planes belonging to five companies

INDIAN TEEPEE



A Humble Home

shuttle back and forth over this endless land. Last year the boats on the mighty waterways of the Mackenzie carried thirty thousand tons of freight. At Waterways, the end of steel, there are salt mines capable of producing seventy-five tons per day. Five thousand square miles of tar-sands from which may be extracted tar, gasoline and oils, are awaiting the work of the refinery. Reduction plants have already been built and are in operation to claim this most valuable deposit for the use of mankind.

The discovery of gold along the Precambrian Shield has given birth to towns which are now centres of busy activity. Through the grants from the M.S.C.C., the Church of England has been able to

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place at Goldfields at the eastern end of Lake Athabasca a faithful Missionary,—Rev. D. G. Huether, B.A.,—who is doing excellent work at this northern Post. Rev. Cecil Randell, B.A., ministers at the growing mining town of Yellowknife. The opening of this work has also been made possible through the M.S.C.C. The Church of England is represented at Fort McMurray by Rev. R. A. E. Ruch, B.A., at Fort Chipewyan by Rev. G. A. Crawley, at Hay River by Rev. S. E. Richards, at Fort Simpson by Rev. H. G. Cook, B.A., and at Fort Norman by Rev. H. L. Jennings, B.A.

FORT NORMAN

Fort Norman is rapidly becoming the centre of the great central valley of the Mackenzie River. There are coal mines just south of Norman, the Imperial Oil Wells just north of Norman, and the pitchblende mines at Great Bear Lake from which radium is extracted,—twenty thousand times more valuable than gold. Through these mines, the British Empire will soon have the monopoly of the radium of the world. The concentrates from Radium City on Great Bear Lake are carried from the Far North to Port Hope, Ontario, where the final reduction processes are completed. Radium is now valued at thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) per gramme, and a gramme is one-thirtieth of an ounce. All supplies carried by the boats must pass through Fort Norman, and the concentrates down the Bear River through Norman to Waterways, and then by rail to Ontario. At Norman there are the Hudson Bay Company's stores, the Radio Station, the Detachment of the R.C.M.P., private traders, trappers and miners, as well as the large Indian population which makes Norman the trading centre. The Federal government has moved the Doctor and Indian Agent from Fort Good Hope to Norman. Without a doubt, it will become more and more a central trading centre and administrative Post of the North.

A HOSPITAL

There is one thing greatly needed at Fort Norman, and that is a hospital. The nearest hospital up south is at Fort Simpson, three hundred miles away; down north to Aklavik, five hundred miles away. With the approval of the

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M.S.C.C. and the Church of England in Canada an Anglican Hospital has been built at this Post. Through the generosity of a kind friend in the Old Land, plus a grant from the Federal Government, the sum of \$25,000.00 was made available for the erection of this building.

THE HEALING CHURCH

"It is one of the most striking facts about the life of our Lord that although He was the greatest Teacher the world has ever seen, He seemed just as much concerned about the bodily ills of men as about their spiritual needs. There is therefore nothing surprising about the fact that the followers of Christ were commissioned from the very outset to heal as well as to preach, and the members of the early Church were never in doubt as to their double office. 'Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee;' in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.' Such was the message of the Apostles, and

bodies, just as much as to tortured minds and distressed souls. They could no more neglect them than could Christ Himself.

This conception of the ministry of Jesus Christ, with its natural complement of The Healing Church, places a new meaning upon the whole work of medical missions. So far from being a mere appendage of Christian evangelism, a time-saving device for the securing of an audience and the creation of a friendly atmosphere, this form of service is seen at once to be something essential, something Christlike, something wholly spiritual. It is a means of expressing the very character and nature of God. It is the interpretation, not merely of His intense sympathy with the ills of men, but of His delight in healthy, vigorous, radiant life, the life of redeemed, restored men and women. And such a service can never be rightly divorced from the activities of a Church which 'lives by the glowing hope of a better world,' and seeks to bring Christ's full message of redemption to a suffering and sin-ridden humanity.

IN OUR CARE



Our Canadian Church accepted from The Church Missionary Society of England, (C.M.S.) the task of caring for their souls and bodies. Are we faithful to our trust?

such was the attitude of all the early Christians, even when the days of miracle-working began to wane. It was part of their job to minister to sick

There is no question, then, of the divine authority of the medical missionary enterprise." (From The Healing Church, 1939).

A DREAM REALIZED

We are so pleased to be able to give an architect's drawing of this new hospital built at Fort Norman, N.W.T. This is the south side of the building as it overlooks the mighty Mackenzie flowing down north to the Arctic. The building is two stories and a half, for we can build no basement or cellar. Two feet below the ground surface, there are eternal frost and ice, and these reach down to unknown depths.

The ground floor contains the furnace room, kitchen and dining room, laundry and drying room, janitor's rooms, and storage for supplies of all kinds. The second floor contains four hospital wards for ten beds; this can be increased to fourteen beds by the addition of one bed to each ward, and there is also a balcony which will hold four more beds,— eighteen beds in all. This capacity will meet the needs now and for some time to come. On the same floor there are the operating-room, diet-kitchen, office, nursery, doctor's room, and out-patients' waiting room. The third floor is for the nursing staff, with four large bedrooms and a spacious sitting room, and also a sun porch.

The building is of frame construction on cement blocks, which go down deep into the frozen ground. Great care is being taken in the specifications for the proper insulation of the whole building.

NOW FOR THE FURNISHINGS

Now we will need to furnish it. Transportation down the Mackenzie valley is very expensive. A bag of cement which costs \$1.00 at Edmonton, costs \$5.00 at Fort Norman. There will, therefore, be very little left from the original sum for the purchasing of the necessary equipment. I earnestly appeal to the Church of England in Canada to help the Diocese of Athabasca in the furnishing of the hospital at this Northern Post. It will stand as a living evidence of the life and work of the Anglican Church in Canada. With the approval of the M.S.C.C., I appeal to individuals, to groups of individuals, to Churches and to organizations within Churches, to help in this Christ-like work. The hospital is to be known

as the Bishop Bompas Memorial Hospital, and the main Wards will be known as the Bishop Reeve Memorial Ward and the Bishop Lucas Memorial Ward. There will also be the furnishing for the nurses' rooms, the nurses' living room, the operating room, the matron's office, the nursery, the kitchen, and the pantry. I earnestly hope that the Church in Canada will come to my assistance and help to equip a hospital by the Arctic Circle which will be a source of rich blessing

"SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME"



A girl at Fort Norman taking her little sister for a "walk."

and far-reaching influence throughout the whole of the North Land.

"I was sick and ye visited me."

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

WILL YOU HELP? (over)