

ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL.

The annual meeting of the Royal Victoria Hospital was held on January 28th. The fourteenth annual report was presented.

The number of patients admitted during the year was 3,398, a decrease of 46 from the previous year.

There were 1,994 Protestants, 1,071 Roman Catholics, 290 Hebrews and 43 of other faiths; 1,656 were free patients, 1,280 public ward patients, paying fifty cents and one dollar per day, and 462 private ward patients; 2,473 were residents of Montreal, and 925 came from districts outside of the city.

The total days of hospital treatment aggregated 81,902, as against 73,993 during the previous year, an increase of 7,909 days.

The average number of days' stay in hospital per patient was 24.10, as against 22.04 the previous year.

On the 1st January, 1907, there were 224 patients in the hospital remaining from 1906, and during the year 3,404 were discharged, of whom 1,897 were well, 1,002 improved, 165 not improved, 123 not treated, and 217 died. Remaining in hospital 31st December, 1907, 218.

Of the 217 deaths, 71 took place within 48 hours of admission.

The death rate for the year has been 6.81 per cent., or, if those dying within 48 hours after admission be deducted, 4.58 per cent.

The highest number of patients in the hospital on any one day was 260 on the 11th January, and the lowest was 199 on the 20th of May; the highest monthly average was 245, in January; and the lowest 209, in April; the daily average for the year being 224, as against 203 for the previous year, an increase of 21.

During the fourteen years that the hospital has been in existence, 36,524 patients have been admitted to the wards for treatment.

In the Out-Patient Department, the total number of patients treated was 4,156; the number of visits of these patients aggregated 27,399:—Medical, 9,379; surgical, 8,311; eye, 3,505; nose, throat and ear, 4,758; diseases of women, 1,446.

The ambulance made 1,128 trips.

The income for the year was \$168,381.04, while the ordinary expenditure amounted to \$146,610.09; the balance of \$21,770.95 being applied in reduction of the indebtedness incurred by the new buildings and other additions.

The total cost per day per patient has been \$1.79; the cost per day of maintaining each person in the hospital—staff, servants, all employees and patients—being 81 cents, a decrease of 4 cents from the previous year, and the daily cost of provisions for each person, 19½ cents, a decrease of 2 cents from the previous year.

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Monthly report for December, 1907:—Patients admitted, 304; patients discharged, 306; patients died, 17; medical, 99; surgical, 122; ophthalmological, 20; gynæcological, 31; laryngological, 32.

Outdoor department:—Medical, 750; Surgical, 619; eye and ear, 263; diseases of women, 85; nose and throat, 366; total, 2,083. Number of ambulance calls, 102.

Yearly report for 1907:—Patients admitted, 3,398; patients discharged, 3,187; patients died, 217; medical, 1,044; surgical, 1,328; ophthalmological, 259; gynæcological, 433; laryngological, 334. Outdoor department:—Medical, 9,379; surgical, 8,311; eye and ear, 3,505; diseases of women, 1,446; nose and throat, 4,683; total, 27,324. Number of ambulance calls, 1,115.