RETURNS

Received from the Boards of Directors of the Hospitals throughout the Province receiving Government aid, for the year 1881.

T. B. HUMPHREYS,
Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
17*th March*, 1882.

ROYAL CARIBOO HOSPITAL.

BARKERVILLE, 31st December, 1881.

SIR,—Your circular letter bearing date the 8th October, requesting information relative to the Royal Cariboo Hospital, was duly received and laid before the Hospital Board, who, desirous that the fullest information should be supplied, have instructed me to forward for your information the enclosed reports, which were read before the last annual public meeting held at Barkerville and Stanley. I am also further instructed to submit, as the views of the Hospital Board, as follows:—

That from the exceptional circumstances attendant upon the maintenance of a Public Hospital in Cariboo, the adoption of a uniform system which might be eminently just and satisfactory to the lower part of the Province, might be wholly inadequate to the requirements of Cariboo. The Hospital, since it has come under the control of a Board (one of whom is appointed by Government, and four elected annually at general meetings) has been conducted in a most satisfactory manner and with as much economy as a due regard to the requirements of patients would admit of.

The intimation, therefore, that possibly a reduction in the Government grant would be made in the future creates great concern in the community, and it is feared that should any such considerable reduction be made, this most valuable institution must close its doors, as the continual heavy draft on the people of Cariboo to assist the unfortunate sick either to a milder climate or in some other form of charity, is so great that the people are really not able to stand an increase of these burdens. A man now lies in the Hospital with both his feet amputated, for whom at least $1,000 must be subscribed by the people of Cariboo; a subscription list is now in preparation. It will be observed by the accompanying report that the greatest item of expense in maintaining the Hospital here is the cost in the procuring of medical attendants. The amount paid for this service may appear large, but although every effort has been made, the amount cannot be reduced and a due regard to the requirements of the patients be considered.

This difficulty in procuring cheap medical skill for our Hospital is owing to the limited number of outside practice for medical men, consequent, no doubt, partly from the few families here resident, but at the same time this limited number of families in the district is one of the most potent arguments in favour of the maintenance of the Hospital, as the means of accommodation for the sick must be in proportion to the number of families. It is but just that it be here stated, that in making engagements with the Hospital physician, one of the conditions of his engagement is that he shall attend the prisoners in Richfield gaol when required, free of charge. This has been in the past a great saving to the Government, and it is trusted that in considering the matter the Government will bear this in mind.

The Board feel quite unable to offer any suggestions as to the establishment of a uniform system in dealing with the various Hospitals in the Province, but on the contrary believe that where circumstances and surroundings are so much at variance as may be found in this Province, any uniform system that could be adopted would prove unjust to some parts of the Province.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) WM. RENNIE,
Secretary Royal Cariboo Hospital Board.

Hon. T. B. Humphreys,
Provincial Secretary.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ROYAL CARIBOO HOSPITAL BOARD.

We, the members of the Royal Cariboo Hospital, for the year ending 1st June, 1881, take pleasure in reporting the affairs of the Institution in a satisfactory condition.

No pains has been spared to render the Hospital as comfortable to its inmates as circumstances would admit, and as no complaints have been received during the year from patients (who in accordance with the Hospital Rules, are required upon being discharged, to report to the Board their treatment), your Board infer that their efforts in this particular has been entirely successful.

Referring to the report made by patients to a member of the Board upon their leaving Hospital—in some instances rumors quite at variance with the detailed report made to the Board, have been currently circulated. We would suggest to the new Board the propriety of adopting the rule of having in every instance these reports in writing signed by the patients so reporting, and placed on file with the Secretary for future reference.

During the year a new floor has been laid in the old ward, the entire building re-chinked and plastered or mudded, and a supply of new cooking utensils has been purchased for the kitchen. The incoming Board will require to look to some further improvements to the building.

The annual financial report will be submitted to you, containing full details of receipts and expenditure.

The medical officer's report annexed will inform you as to the number of patients and the nature of the diseases treated during the year.

A question has arisen which, although not strictly within the province of a Board elected to look after the interests of the Hospital, nevertheless we consider it our duty to lay the matter before you:—

Complaints have been received of what is termed the exorbitant charges made by medical men in the district, and asking if the Hospital Board, having the disbursement of a large sum granted by the Government to the district, could not place certain restrictions upon the medical officer under their control, a certain protection to those who were not in a position to receive the benefits of the Hospital. These complaints were submitted by your Board to the Hospital physician, who at once signified his willingness to be governed in his outside practice by a scale of charges which he submitted to the Board, and which are herewith appended. While not expressing an opinion upon these charges we cannot but observe with what facility any scale of charges might be obviated, but inasmuch as the Hospital physician is entirely under the control of the Board, the matter might be left in abeyance to be dealt with whenever it might be advisable to do so.

(Signed) WM. RENNIE,
Secretary.

Chairman, J. BOWRON,
JOS. MASON,
T. HARDING,
H. McDERMOTT,
} Board of Management.

ANNUAL REPORT ROYAL CARIBOO HOSPITAL.

To cash on hand at last annual report	$ 269 26	
" received from Government grant	4,163 31	
" " paying patients	35 00	
Total receipts		$4,467 57

DISBURSEMENTS.

J. C. Devlin, groceries	546 13	
Mason & Daly, beef and milk	261 31	
T. Harding, bread	114 50	
Vegetables	24 25	
Hodgkinson & Lock, cordwood	150 00	
Madame Coulon and Mrs. McFarlain, washing	55 58	
Repairs to building	94 00	
J. Bibby and E. Pearson, tinware	35 75	
Making 7 beds and 10 pillows	10 00	
Barnard's Express, charges on box of eggs	2 50	
Additional assistance for the Steward	30 00	
Discount on cheque from Victoria	1 00	
		$1,325 12

SALARIES.

Dr. Grange, salary and medicines	2,050 00	
Charles H. Gray (Steward), salary	1,050 00	
		3,100 00
Total expenditure		$4,425 12

RECAPITULATION.

To total receipts	$4,467 57
By total expenditure	4,425 12
Balance on hand	$42 45

(Signed) WM. RENNIE,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Compared with Book and found correct.
(Signed) J. C. DEVLIN,
Auditor.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1880-81.

The number of patients under treatment from May 21st, 1880, to May 1st, 1881, or for a little over 11 months, is 25, of whom there is one in hospital at present.

It becomes our painful duty to state that there has been two deaths in hospital during the year, both of which cases were shown by post mortem examination to have been hopelessly diseased before admission.

1 patient was treated for severe scald; 2 for bronchitis; 1 for brain softening; 1 for erysipelas; 1 for inflamed glands; 1 for abscess; 2 for excessive use of ardent spirits; 1 for orchetis and ulcer; 1 for sprained ankle; 1 for fractured femur; 3 for rheumatism and indigestion; 1 for inflammation of the eye; 1 for incised wound; 1 for syphilitic ulcer; 1 for indigestion and constipation; 1 for diseased lungs; 1 for ulcerated ear; 1 for exzema; 1 for inflammation of the eyes and rheumatism; 1 for apoplexy, inducing compression of the brain; 1 for injury of the lungs by a fall.

Nearly all the patients admitted were cured. Of those not cured, all were more or less benefited. Two went down the country for treatment; of these one died, the other is incurable. Some were admitted for constitutional diseases, which, strictly speaking,

are incurable, yet they were greatly benefited and rendered comfortable by judicious treatment. The Steward has been attentive to his duties, and through the liberality of the Board the hospital has been rendered more comfortable by the improvements made upon the building.

(Signed) JAS. GRANGE, M.D.,
Physician and Surgeon Royal Cariboo Hospital.

SCALE OF MEDICAL FEES REFERRED TO IN REPORT.

Consultation and Medicine, $4; subsequent do. do., $2.50; 1st visit in town, $4; subsequent do., $2.50; do. do. night, $4; confinement, plain, $25; do. complicated or unusually protracted, extra charge; examination of heart or lungs, $4; extraction of teeth, $3; dressing wound, from $1, according to the nature and severity.

(Signed) JAMES GRANGE, M.D.

Barkerville, April 4, 1881.

GENERAL RULES.

1. That no medical man be allowed to interfere with the treatment of patients in the hospital, except by the express wish of the Medical Officer appointed to the hospital.
2. That no insane person be admitted on any pretence into the hospital.
3. That on the doctor's certificate to the effect that a patient is incurable, the same be discharged.
4. That the charge for a paying patient shall not exceed $12 a week.
5. Any patient known to leave the hospital yard without leave of the Surgeon (or, in certain cases, by the leave of the Steward), shall be immediately discharged from the hospital
6. That any person desiring to be admitted to the hospital as a patient shall obtain an order signed by one member of the Board of Management, and shall then present himself at the hospital for examination by the Surgeon, who shall, if he decide the case to be a proper one, enter his name on the Register, and he shall then be considered a patient.

Regular Board Meetings will be held on the first Monday of every month, when all communications will be received and considered.

RULES FOR PATIENTS.

7. Patients shall implicitly obey the Surgeon and Nurses.
8. Patients shall keep themselves clean and orderly.
9. Patients shall do all in their power to assist each other, and treat their fellow patients kindly.
10. Patients shall give such assistance in the Ward as may be required of them by the Surgeon.
11. No oaths, improper language, or abuse to any one, shall be used by a patient, under pain of instant dismissal.
12. Patients shall not smoke in the ward unless by leave of the Surgeon.
13. Patients shall not give money, presents, or gratuities of any kind to the attendants on any pretence.
14. Patients are requested to report immediately to their Surgeon or the Board any inattention, or unkindness, or want of regularity in the administration of their food or medicine on the part of the Surgeon or the attendants, and unhesitatingly to lay before him or them any complaint they have to make.
15. Patients are recommended to hand over money or valuables to the Surgeon for transmission to the care of the Board, who will be accountable for their safe-keeping. If they do not do so, no cognizance will be taken of their loss.
16. Patients shall comport themselves decorously, quietly, and in an orderly manner.
17. Patients infringing any of the above Rules shall be liable to be dismissed.
18. Patients on their dismissal from Hospital will immediately report to some member of the Board.

RULES FOR VISITORS.

19. The time for visiting patients shall be from half-past 1 p.m. until half-past 6 p.m.

20. Any person wishing for admission to visit patients must apply to the Surgeon for admission.

21. Strangers are not allowed to convey, or have conveyed, to patients anything edible or potable without the Surgeon's sanction.

22. No visitor shall enter a Ward until admitted by the attendant.

23. Visitors admitted to see a friend shall confine themselves to the object of their visit, and shall make as little disturbance as possible to the other patients.

24. The Surgeon has power to prevent, for sanitary purposes, visitation to any patient.

RULES FOR ATTENDANTS.

25. The attendants shall be most kind and attentive to the patients.

26. The attendants shall give medicine and food to the patients at stated hours.

27. The attendants shall give to the patients such food and medicine only as may be ordered by the Physician.

28. The attendants shall see that the Rules for visitors and patients are strictly observed.

29. The attendants, in the absence of the Physician, shall have full power over the inmates of a Ward, visitors or patients, and will in such absence be held responsible for the preservation of order, the maintenance of comfort and cleanliness, and the strict observance of the Hospital Rules.

30. The attendants shall themselves implicitly obey the orders of the Physician in the management of patients, and shall see that the latter do likewise.

31. The attendants shall report to the Board immediately any infringement of the Hospital Rules by patients or visitors.

32. The attendants shall keep themselves and the patients neat and clean.

33. The attendants infringing any of the above Rules shall be brought before the Board, and shall be liable to dismissal.

By order of the Board.

NANAIMO HOSPITAL.

NANAIMO, January 9th, 1882.

SIR,—In accordance with the request contained in your circular of the 8th October, 1881, I herewith transmit to you a copy of the Auditor's statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Nanaimo Hospital, from the 1st January, 1880, to the 30th June, 1881, also D. Cluness, M.D., Hospital Physician's report of the number of patients admitted, discharged, &c., for the fiscal year.

The Board of Directors instructed me to inform you that, after years of experience, they cannot, with due regard to the comfort and treatment of patients, retrench the expenditure of the Hospital to a more economical basis than heretofore.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) ERIC B. MCKAY,
Hon. Secretary.

Honourable T. B. Humphreys,
Provincial Secretary.

NANAIMO, 16th July, 1881.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to submit the accompanying statement abstracted from the Hospital books, giving the names of the patients with their diseases, date of admission to, and discharge from, the Hospital, and also showing those at present in the Hospital. The Board will perceive that those admitted to treatment in the Hospital during the fiscal year number in all 42. Of this number 1 sustained a simple fracture of the titud; 1 compound comminuted fracture of both bones of the leg with other injuries; 1 a simple fracture of the femur (thigh bone); 1 a simple fracture of both bones of the leg; 1 a

compound comminuted fracture of both bones of the arm; 1 a fracture of the acromion process of the scapula (shoulder-blade); 1 had his leg carried away by the explosion of a shell, necessitating amputation; 1 a simple fracture of a rib; 1 a fracture of a rib wounding the lung; 5 had received other injuries in the mines and elsewhere; 1 suffered from heart derangement; 3 from pneumonia; 4 from bronchitis; 1 from phthisis (consumption); 4 from rheumatism; 1 from chronic diarrhœa; 1 from Addison's disease of the supra renal capsules; 3 from tertiary syphilis; 1 from opthalmia; 1 from whitlow; 1 from neuralgia; and 7 from general debility.

Only three deaths occurred during the year,—one from tetanus after amputation of the leg necessitated by the limb having been shattered by the explosion of a shell. This case was despaired of from the first, and it may in truth be said that the patient was carried to the hospital to die; 1 from consumption; and 1 from Addison's disease of the supra renal capsules, a somewhat rare and always fatal disease. Of the 42 patients, only 4 at present remain in the hospital; 1 suffering with chronic bronchitis; 1 suffering from general debility resulting from an incurable ill-conditioned old scald of the leg; 1 under Dr. Gamble's treatment, who had sustained a simple fracture of the thigh-bone about 8 months ago; 1 case of simple fracture of both bones of the leg, in hospital about a fortnight and progressing favourably.

It will thus be seen that of the 42 patients received into the hospital during the past fiscal year, 35 have been discharged cured, 3 have died, and 4 remain in the hospital,—a result which, considering the nature of the injuries and diseases with which the patients were afflicted may be considered very satisfactory. I would further mention that the Hospital Steward, H. Leicht, paid strict attention to the cleanliness of the Hospital Wards and beds and unremitting attention to the orders and directions given him, treating the patients with uniform attention and kindness throughout, not one complaint to the contrary having been made to me during the year.

In conclusion, I would take this opportunity of acknowledging the co-operation and assistance rendered me by the members of the Board in the discharge of my duty as physician to the hospital.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) D. CLUNESS, M.D.,
Physician Nanaimo Hospital.

Board of Management Nanaimo Hospital.

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE NANAIMO HOSPITAL,

From 1st January, 1880, to 30th June, 1881.

January 1, 1880.		
To cash on hand	$	$ 80 40½
,, Government grant from date to June 30, '81		3,000 00
,, Subscriptions collected at Wellington		40 00
,, Donation of W. E. Webb		10 00
Collected of patients:—		
,, ,, Patterson	19 00	
,, ,, Campbell	2 00	
,, ,, O'Connell	7 50	
		28 50
,, Board and lodging, John J. Landale		160 00
		$3,318 90½
1881, June 30—To cash on hand		$ 52 66

1881—June 30.		
By paid Herman Leicht, Steward, salary 16 months to 15th May		$ 960 00
,, Dr. Cluness, salary to 15th June		407 00
,, Thos. Wall, 9 months' rent to 1st November, 1880		54 00
,, Provisions, A. Meyer	$ 363 00	
,, ,, Jas. Harvey	543 12	
		906 12
Meat and Vegetables:		
,, paid James Akenhead	125 00	
,, S. Brightman	62 03	
,, C. H. Robinson	9 00	
		196 03
,, Liquors		197 50
,, Water, Washing, Fish, &c.		180 25
,, Milk, W. Kiddy		72 00
,, Bread, W. E. Webb		64 35
,, Lumber, C. Carpenter		17 12
,, Goods, W. Earl		22 50
,, ,, John Hilbert		24 75
,, Printing, &c., G. Norris		27 50
,, Walter Wilson, Tinsmith		53 62½
,, Hauling, Marwick		24 00
,, Washing Water Closet		20 00
,, Sundry small accounts		39 50
,, Balance cash on hand		52 66
		$3,318 90½

Nanaimo, July 1st, 1881. (Signed) W. F. HERRE, *Auditor.*

ROYAL COLUMBIAN HOSPITAL.

NEW WESTMINSTER, March 14th, 1882.

SIR,—Enclosed please find statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Royal Columbian Hospital to 31st December, 1881.

The item of wearing apparel is incurred by the admission of patients from the railway works at Yale, who arrive at the Hospital in the worst state of filth.

There has been an improvement in the sanitary state of the Hospital, which needs a great addition to the drainage still.

The Board cannot see nor recommend any reduction in the expenses. All that is needed for the Hospital is asked for by tender, and purchased at the lowest market rates.

The Board would ask that you nominate two members to act as Government Members of the Board for the coming year.

I enclose Surgeon's Report.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. H. KEARY,
Hon. Secretary to the Board.

To the Hon.
The Provincial Secretary, Victoria, B. C.

ROYAL COLUMBIAN HOSPITAL, March 14th, 1882.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose a statistical report of the movement of patients in the Royal Columbian Hospital for the year ending December 31st, 1881.

I have also to bring to your notice the following facts which require immediate attention to.

1st. Drainage.—The drainage system is defective in every respect. Strictly speaking, there is *no* drainage, and as a result the improved water-closets or cesspools, will soon become a greater nuisance than the old ones were, if a proper drainage system (or sewer) is not arranged for at once.

2nd. The state of the floors of the wards, corridors and kitchen, is bad. In the wards there is but one thickness of flooring, in many places very much worn ; the floor has, in fact, not been renewed since the building was erected. The coldness of the floor and the draughts through its chinks very much retard the return to a state of convalescence of the patients and are a constant source of complaint.

3rd. The fences around the Hospital grounds are in a broken-down condition. No use of the grounds for gardening purposes can be had until this is repaired.

4th. No suitable building or room is available for a Mortuary. Although we do not have many deaths, we ought to pay proper respect to the remains of those who end their days in the Hospital. Other improvements of lesser importance might be pointed out, but the above I consider demand immediate attention.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) C. NEWLAND TREW, M. D. &c.,
Surgeon, Royal Columbian Hospital.

Return of Patients admitted to and discharged from the Royal Columbian Hospital for the year ending December 31st, 1881.

Number of Patients in Hospital on January 1st, 1881	17
Number admitted during year	75
Total under treatment during year	92
Number of Patients discharged from Hospital during year	80
Number remaining in Hospital on December 31st, 1881	12

Discharged during year:—

Cured	53
Relieved	18
Died	9
Total	80

(Signed) C. NEWLAND TREW, M. D. &c.,
Surgeon Royal Columbian Hospital.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, ROYAL COLUMBIAN HOSPITAL,

For the year ending 31st December, 1881.

To Subsidy from Government	$4,250 00	By Steward and Cook	$ 960 00
,, Public Subscriptions	399 00	,, Bread	193 70
,, Cash from paying patients	113 50	,, Milk	208 02
		,, Vegetables	142 65
		,, Furniture and Bedding	85 62
		,, Fuel and light	388 45
		,, Drugs and medical appliances	363 06
		,, Groceries	671 43
		,, Medical attendance	40 00
		,, Sundries	3 87
		,, Fish	11 75
		,, Wearing apparel	78 10
		,, Medical comforts	90 62
		,, Printing	61 00
		,, Stationery	11 00
		,, Meat	367 64
		,, Repairs	276 00
		,, Washing and scrubbing	120 00
		,, Funerals	140 00
		,, Insurance	45 00
		,, Balance, Cash on hand	504 59
	$4,762 50		$4,762 50
Jan. 1st—To Balance, cash on hand	504 59		

(Signed) W. H. KEARY,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,
J. W. HARVEY,
Auditor.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, VICTORIA.

Number of patients admitted to Royal Hospital in 1881:—

In-patients	89	
Out-patients	200	
		289

Of whom 14 have died from following causes:—

Exhaustion	3	
Chest disease	4	
Kidney disease	2	
Fever	1	
Apoplexy	1	
Aneurism	1	
Cancer	2	
		14

and 68 have been discharged.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, VICTORIA.

DR. The Treasurer in account with the Royal Hospital, Victoria, March 1881 to 1882. CR.

Balance on hand at date of last Report:—			Groceries, including Flour and Eggs		$ 692 72
Dominion Government Savings Bank	$1,079 00		Butcher's Meat, Fish and Poultry		522 70
Bank of British Columbia	1,012 81		Vegetables, including Potatoes		90 47
		$ 2,091 81	Bread		181 25
Grant from Provincial Government, twelve months to 28th February, 1882		4,999 92	Milk		173 43
Received from paid patients and cash found on deceased patients after death		145 08	Wine, Porter and Spirits		224 09
Christmas Donation—City Council		20 00	Water and alteration of Water Service		101 44
Kitchen refuse sold		22 50	Coal and Wood		188 25
Interest on Savings Bank deposit to June, 1881		52 02	Coal Oil		34 50
Subscriptions (as per list)		650 00	Washing (labor only)		73 50
Collections (in part balance to Nanaimo Hospital) per Councillors Windsor, Duncan and Miller		21 75	Furniture, Bedding, Boots for patients, &c.		82 39
			Repairs to Buildings		106 90
			Painting and Whitewashing		109 80
			Scavenger		60 00
			Drugs and Surgical Appliances		480 21
			Fire Insurance on Furniture		12 50
			Postage, Stationery and sundries		25 87
			Funeral Expenses and Cemetery Fees		126 50
			Printing and Advertising		79 00
			Commission to Collector of Subscriptions		45 00
			Salaries:—Steward and Matron	$ 900 00	
			Nurse	480 00	
			Extra and night Nurses	345 75	
			Visiting Surgeon	500 00	
					2,225 75
			Total cost Hospital establishment 1881-2		$5,636 27
			Paid to Provincial Government balance of cost of Building for Convalescent Home, in excess of Government Grant		451 65
			Balance on hand:—Dominion Government Saving Bank	1,131 02	
			Bank of British Columbia	784 14	
					1,915 16
		$8,003 08			$8,003 08

VICTORIA, B. C., 13th March, 1882.

I hereby certify that I have examined the Treasurer's Accounts, found them to be correct, and supported by proper vouchers.

(Signed) THOS. RUSSELL,
Auditor.