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A.C.T. Completes \$85,000 Pledge to Hospital



The Associated Canadian Travellers of Brandon fulfilled a tremendous objective and took a big step toward achieving another on Saturday, February 1, when a cheque for \$18,000 was presented to the Sanatorium Board of Manitoba.

Of the \$18,000 presented sythe, past president of the by the A.C.T., \$6, 000 marked the completion of an \$85,000 pledge made in 1959 to help pay for the Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Unit at Assiniboine Hospital. The remaining \$12,000 represents the club's first payment on a \$30,000 pledge to purchase new x-ray equipment for this hospital.

At a ceremony in Assiniboine Hospital on Saturday .

Brandon A.C.T., presented the \$18,000 cheque.

Mr. Forsythe noted that since 1944 the Brandon Travellers have contributed \$226,000 to the Sanatorium Board through such fundraising projects as newspaper bingo games, radio talent shows and raffles at the Brandon exhibition.

Accepting the cheque on



Associated Canadian Travellers, Brandon Club, this month presented an \$18,000 cheque to the Sanatorium Board Manitoba. Part of the money will complete the club's \$85,000 pledge to help pay for the Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Unit at Assiniboine Hospital; the rest will be used towards a new \$30,000 pledge to purchase x-ray equipment for the hospital. Past president, E. D. Forsythe, extreme right, presents the cheque to J. N. Connacher of the Sanatorium Board, while T. A. J. Cunnings, extreme left, SBM executive director, and W. B. Clark, -resident of the Brandon A.C.T., look on. (Photo by Dick Aberson, The Brandon Sun.)

Nearly 6,000 Tested in Industrial Survey

While the Surveys Office is still drawing up the final plans for the 1964 tuberculosis case-finding program, the Sanatorium Board's testing teams are already hard at work in Winnipeg and Northern Manitoba.

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In Winnipeg this month close to 6,000 employees are being screened in a tuberculin and x-ray survey of the T. Eaton Company Ltd. Paid for largely by the sale of ministmas Seals, this is the first large industrial survey conducted by the Sanatorium Board this year. It began on bruary 3 and closes Febru-'0.

so during February and the first week of March, the Sanatorium Board's portable x-ray unit is making the rounds of all nursing homes in metropolitan Winnipeg, and by March 4 it is expected that nearly 2,400 patients will have been examined.

Community tuberculin and x-ray surveys will begin in Lynn Lake, Flin Flon and Cranberry Portage on February 24, February 29 and March 19. All of these surveys will include the testing of school children.

Many Benefit

Surveys Officer J. J. Zayshley reports a successful 1963 tuberculin and x-ray program. During the year, he said, a total of 121,645 persons were examined in TB preventive surveys.

Twenty-four Manitoba municipalities and one city were screened in 1963, as well as ten Winnipeg high schools, the Manitoba Teachers' College, the University of Manitoba and affiliated colleges. A total of 89,343 persons received tuberculin skin tests, and of the 81,994 tests read, a total of 12,203 were positive.

Chest x-rays were given to 22,739 persons in community surveys, and an additional 7,685 x-rays were provided at Brandon nursing homes, the Brandon Mental Hospital and such special surveys as those conducted at the Brandon Fair and Red River Exhibition, and at Churchill and Grand Rapids.

Industrial tuberculin surveys were held at 30 business firms throughout the year and 1,878 employees lined up for skin tests.

Altogether, says Mr. Zayshley, there were 268 locations where testing was carried out, and this involved a total of 162 educational and film meetings. chairman of the 1964 Tuberculosis Committee formally turned over the new equipment to the Sanatorium Board. J. N. Connacher, vice chairman of the Board and chairman of the Assiniboine Hospital Committee, accepted the gift.

Following a demonstration of the new equipment by hospital radiographer F. H. Gibson a reception for the A.C.T. directors and their wives was held in the staff lounge.

Presidents' Ball

At the club's annual Presidents' Dinner and Ball held that evening at the Prince Edward Hotel, E. D. Forit is "another magnificent contribution by the members of the Associated Canadian Travellers to the work being done at Assiniboine Hospital."

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He also extended the Sanatorium Board's thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Brandon A.C.T. who have made many splendid contributions to the hospital, the last being a \$400 cheque on January 17 to purchase two pulse air alternating pressure mattresses and a geriatric chair.

Among the 300 guests at the dinner and ball were T. A. J. Cunnings, executive direc-

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He Aims for the Stars

Occupational therapy is a wonderful form of treatment. No one can predict all the activities it will involve.

Several months ago, while nosing around the O.T. Department at the Manitoba Rehabilitation Hospital, we were nearly "hung up" in an elevator which was being constructed for a

wheelchair patient; another use out of his new prosthesis time we smacked into an old lopsided coupe which was parked (ready for overhauling, we supposed) in a corner of the workshop.

On the prowl again last month, we were almost decapitated by a telescope.

The grinning fellow behind the mechanism (which measures 85 inches in length) was 22-year-old Ronald Edwards, who informed us that he had constructed the workable telescope - without plans — from lengths of pipe, a broken dumbbell and other bits of hardware lying around the department. We felt this was pretty remarkable especially when we saw that Ronald has only one hand.

Ronald, who lives in Winnipeg, lost most of his left hand in an accident at work last October and was admitted to the Manitoba Rehabitation Hospital for two months treatment as an inpatient on November 29. He was "put to work" in the Occupational Therapy Depart-

— an opposition post, with suction cup, made in the hospital's biomechanics laboratory.

At first Ronald wandered from one bit of carpentry to another. Then he spotted the stack of plumbing pipes in a corner.

Building the telescope was his own idea. As his hand fondled its gleaming black and gold surfaces, he told how he had made it by trial and error from bits of information he found in magazines. First he bought the lens (which magnifies 350 times), then fashioned the scope to fit it, made the lock screws, bearings, weights and whatnot in the department's metal shop, and mounted the whole thing on wheels.

He also added a second smaller scope, which is 36" long, and a view finder.

We didn't fully understand the intricacy of the construction, but we were much impressed when this talented young man told us that he and accomplished the



Ronald Edwards demonstrates a telescope he made in the Manitoba Rehabilition Hospital's Occupational Therapy Department. (Photo by Tony Gibson).

Ronald, who took up ast- as an outpatient. His current ronomy as a hobby while a young lad, now plans to take his telescope to the monthly meetings of the Winnipeg

O.T. project is building a desk.

Mind you, this is no ordinary desk. No sir! This is a

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the lower part of his left arm in a car accident in 1956. A 1959 graduate of our Brandon Rehabilitation Unit, he is a kind of protege of Mrs. Phyllis Watt, assistant supervisor who, soon after his arrival at the Unit, discove" his artistic talent and encouraged him to develop it. After he left the Unit he was helped by the Rehabilitation Department to obtain work with a Winnipeg sign company.

Now a freelance artist, Ross — on his own — has scored quite a few successes during the past year. He had his own art show at the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre last December (which drew much praise from critics), and this month two of his oil paintings, which had been on display at the Central YMCA, were included in a cross - Canada exhibition Indian art, sponsored by Indian Council of Canada. The first stop on the tour. says Ross, will be the Trappers' Festival at The Pas.

Ross' paintings all have 'eip Indian theme and they include Indian heads and scenes as well as some abstracts. Some of his work is done in charcoal and pastels as well as in oils.

Ross has had no formal art training. But as a result of his exhibits, he has been kept very busy during the past

tain full use of his right hand incated reat an by minisch while he is sum coming back and learn how to get the most over a period of two weeks. to the hospital for treatment

Among Our New Personnel

ditions to the Sanatorium Board staff is Mrs. Ponnamma *Philip*, who on a bitterly cold night last month flew into Winnipeg from India.

Mrs. Philip was born in Kerala, India, and received her training in nursing at Gif-

MRS.

PHILIP



ford Memorial Hospital at Nusvid, Andhra State. She is the wife of Mr. P. C. Philip who came to Manitoba from India last June. Both are general staff nurses at our Clearwater Lake Hospital, The Pas, and we are heartily glad to have them.

New Physiotherapist

With the arrival of Trevor Farrell from England last month, a fourth full-time member has been added to our physiotherapy staff at Assiniboine Hospital.

Mr. Farrell, who was born in Northern Ireland and raised in England, is a welcome addition to the department

Among the recent ad- which during the past year has been experiencing a greatly increased patient load. Between 60 and 70 patients are treated in the unit each day and many others receive individual treatment on the wards.

Mr. Farrell is a long-time friend of Alan Jones, who joined Assiniboine's physiotherapy staff last May. Both received their earlier education at Worcestershire College

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for the Blind and both are physiotherapy graduates of the Royal National Institute for the Blind. Before coming to Canada they worked at St. Andrew's Hospital in London's East End.



They also share a love for outdoor sports. Mr. Jones took part in competitive rowing while in England, and Mr. Farrell is keenly interested in ice skating and horseback riding. Both are expert chess players and Mr. Jones also plays the saxaphone and piano.

Ninette Nurse

Miss Marilyn King this month assumed her post as operating room nurse at Manitoba Sanatorium. A graduate of Selkirk Collegiate, she has just completed her training at Misericordia Hospital School of Nursing. She has also worked at the Selkirk Mental Hospital.

Other new members of the Sanatorium Board staff are Mrs. Alice May Bradley, licensed practical nurse at Assiniboine Hospital, and Donald McKenzie, telephone operator at Manitoba Sanatorium. Mr. McKenzie was formerly a patient at Ninette.

Laura Hieagle is our latest addition to the nurses' assistant staff at the Manitoba Rehabilitation Hospital. She is a graduate of the Rehabilitation Unit at Brandon.

mu a corner and has a semicircular slot for a chair and...

Wins Competition

Three cheers for 19-yearold Frank McKay of Brandon, who finished first in the men's open snowshoe race at the Brandon Winter Carnival on February 1. Frank, who beat 19 other competitors in the race along the banks of the Assiniboine. is a member of our Rehabilitation Unit at Assiniboine Hospital and a student at the Brandon Vocational Training Centre.

Snowshoeing comes easy to Frank, who was born and raised at Cross Lake, Manitoba. But he doesn't plan to make a career of it.

He has a great yearning to be a bush pilot, and already he has passed the preliminary Department of Transportation ion exams. All of us hope he makes it — and if he does, he'll be the first bush pilot to come out of the Brandon Rehabilitation Unit!

Winnipeg Artist **Awarded Prize**

Our warmest congratulations are also extended to Ross Wood of Winnipeg, who won second prize for an oil painting he entered in an art contest at the Indian and Metis Conference this month. Ross, who comes from the Long Plains Reserve, is a former TB patient who lost

sion and filling numerous other orders. He made many of the posters for the Indian and Metis Conference, designed Christmas cards and a magazine cover for the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre, and is now busily engaged turning out covers for church bulletins.

The Sanatorium Board is proud of Ross and we all wish him great success a happiness.

Form Chess Club

After several weeks of competing among themselves, the newly formed Chess Club at Assiniboine Hospital this month announced they are ready to challenge all other members of the Sanatorium Board staff.

The club, comprising 12 members, was organized by George Lennox and Alan Jones of the physiotherapy department, Carl Christianson, hospital manager, and Kenneth Hawkins, male nurse. They meet or¹¹! weekly in the Occupational Therapy Department.

Our staff at Assiniboin seem to be a singularly + Y lot. The hospital's 40curlers still hold to their lon: standing promise to compete with (and beat) any other Sanatorium Board rinks.

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Anyone care to take up the challenge?



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To Sum It Up

Keeper of the Public Conscience

'Although voluntary health organizations are an important part of American medicine, it is sometimes suggested that in view of the amount of government money and effort going into research and other health programs, their day is nearing its twilight. I believe this is not so, and that it cannot be allowed to be so. It seems to me that voluntary agencies have an essential and ever growing role to play as keepers of the conscience in public health . . .

"What the layman does is to develop special interests in specific health problems through his voluntary health organizations. His child may have a certain disease, or a parent may have died of it. He finds a particular cause and goes to work. The participation that results is real, direct and meaningful.

"Nurturing this opportunity for participation strikes me as an essential and wonderful role of the voluntary health agencies. It supports a basic right: the right of citizens to be interested in something specific and to band together to do something adout it. I doubt that anybody will subdue this right, and I pect that if voluntary agencies were abolished tomorrow, they would spring up again, because people are bound and determined to have separate ideas and individual causes . . ."

"We depend upon voluntary health agencies to insist that The tain major health problems continue to receive the attention by deserve. Through their efforts with professionals, with governmental agencies, and with individual citizens, they assure a continuous priority for efforts against major health problems."

-George James, M.D., NTA Bulletin, October 1963.

The Broadening Concept of Rehabilitation

"By the term rehabilitation we mean the resettlement in work



RECEIVE TB TESTS -- These four women are among some 6,000 employees of the T. Eaton Company Ltd., who this month are receiving free tuberculin skin tests (and chest x-rays) from the Sanatorium Board of Manitoba. The tests (administered here by Miss Margaret Nolan) mark the beginning of the 1964 industrial surveys. They are financed primarily through the annual sale of Christmas Seals. (Photo by David Portigal.)

Sanatorium Mourns Deaths **Of Two Former Members**

We are sad to report the who had become a member deaths of Oliver G. Whiteway and Romeo St. Jean, both former members of our staff at Manitoba Sanatorium.

Mr. Whiteway, who served

of the nursing staff in 1938. She died in May of last year.

Mr. Whiteway was buried in Brandon following a service at the Alliance Chapel

Get TB Tests - Or Get Out! Says University

"While it is my own business if I get tuberculosis, it is the community's business if I

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adolescent handicapped, physically or otherwise, from early childhood, through a "combined operation" involving the cooperative efforts of the medical profession, of medical auxiliaries, and of members of educational and social organizations. There is in practice a preliminary phase of medical rehabilitation, and a later stage of social or industrial rehabilitation; but the two phases are part of a unified process. We regard medical si abilitation not as a separate discipline, but as a technique in the practice of medicine. We believe that both the family doctor and the hospital specialist should accept continuous responsibility for the care of their patients from the stage of diagnosis to the final stage of recovery of maximum capacity d resumption of work. This means that the doctor cannot -duay act in isolation; he must be prepared to collaborate at an early stage with the social and industrial organizations."

-Sir Harry Platt, Bart., International Rehabilitation Review, January, 1964.

The Care of the Elderly Sick

"That chronic care requires specially trained personnel, a special approach and, indeed, a special philosophy of treatment is self-evident. The elderly sick present physical, mental and social problems that demand services of trained teams of doctors, nurses, dietitians, physiotherapists, psychologists, speech therapists and social workers. They must not be hurried along in and out of the wards of active general hospitals, nor should they be eased into a vegetative existence in some lonely room. Theirs is a crying need for rehabilitation and understanding."

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Mobilize Public Opinion

"The fight against tuberculosis is not simply the affair "Jespecialists — it is a matter of concern for all. In any comity, the prevalence of tuberculosis is closely related to people's attitude toward the disease. You give the germs a real chance when you do not take them seriously. Only voluntary associations can — through simple, direct health education mobilize public opinion, make it aware of the danger, and of the easy means of averting it."

-S. Vausrub, M.D., Manitoba Medical Review, May, 1960.

the sanatorium from June 1952 until October 1963, died in Winnipeg on January 20.

Mr. Whiteway was also a former tuberculosis patient and during the many years he spent at Ninette he earned the affection and esteem of everyone. "He was always a cheerful patient," wrote one staff member, "and he was always full of fun as a member of our staff. He was fond of fishing, shooting and everything that took him outdoors. He was a faithful friend and employee; we miss his happy smile."

Born at Matheson Island

Mr. Whiteway was born at Matheson Island, Manitoba, on March 6, 1916, and he worked as a cook in lumber camps until he was admitted to sanatorium in May, 1933. He remained at Ninette for over three years, then returned home, only to be admitted again in October 1943. Nine years later he was again discharged.

In June, 1958, Mr. Whiteway was married to Agatha Janzen, also a former patient

THE PROPERLY TREAT-ED and medically discharged tuberculosis patient is a far safer associate than the apparently well person who refuses to have regular examinations. —ITAM

Romeo St. Jean

Onizime (Romeo) St. Jean died in Victoria, B.C., on January 8. He had been associated with Manitoba Sanatorium for some 40 years.

Mr. St. Jean, who was born in St. Boniface, is fondly remembered by the people at Ninette as a man who loved to work and who showed a great interest in many things. He first came to the Sanatorium in 1915, at which time he was employed for two years. He returned on June 1, 1926, and remained on staff until his retirement in August, 1955.

Although h is prime function was that of an orderly, Mr. St. Jean found plenty of other things to do. He looked after the meteorological thermometer and measured the rainfall for the weather bureau, and as a hobby, he kept in running order all the clocks in the assembly hall, dining room and kitchen.

A lover of wildlife, he greatly enjoyed looking after the sanatorium's guinea pigs. He also kept everyone informed on the arrival of the pelicans each spring, and his observations on bird life around the sanatorium often appeared in the Free Press Chickadee Notes.

He was greatly missed when eight years ago he retired to Victoria. community's right to force me to show whether or not I am likely to be the source of an epidemic."

This is the opinion of a young man who last month was one of 28 students who were expelled from the University of Manitoba for supposedly not taking part in a tuberculin and x-ray survey. In an article in the student newspaper, The Manitoban, he attempted to justify the administration's campaign to force students to be tested for tuberculosis.

Nearly all of the students, as well as staff members, lined up for the Sanatorium Board's free survey last November. Those who missed the campus clinics received letters from the university office requesting that they either get the tests at the Central Tuberculosis Clinic . . . or get out!

Almost all of the students who hadn't been tested turned up later at the Central Clinic. But there were 28 who apparently did not notify the dean's office that they had been tested.

So with that, the student reported, their registrations were cancelled!

PESSIMIST: A fellow who feels bad when he feels good for fear that he'll feel worse when he feels better.

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Rehabilitants Benefit from Training Program

The graduation ceremonies at the Brandon Vocational Training Centre January 24 were a proud occasion for rehabilitants Michael Kakegamick and Mary Spence. And they were a proud event, too, for the Sanatorium Board's Supervisor of Special

Rehabilitation Services, the staff at our Brandon Rehabilitation Unit, and all the others who had helped put these two young people on the road to happy and successful careers.

Mike, 22, graduated with a near A standing from the provincial government's program of basic training for skill and development. He was one of 77 persons who received certificates from Labor Minister Obie Baizley.

An Ojibway Indian, originally from Sandy Lake, Mike had been a laborer in a mine until he became ill with tuberculosis in November, 1962. He spent some seven months in sanatorium where he was able to bring his schooling up to a grade eight level; then last July entered our special rehabilitation unit at Assiniboine Hospital.

Mike spent one month at the unit. During that time he continued his school studies and took part in an individually-centred program of social orientation and assessment, which prepared him for the course he has just completed

level. She began her business training last June.

"In every aspect, Mike and Mary have been outstanding examples of what can be done to help Indians and Metis with a low educational level, who wish to live away from the city and compete with others in the city," says Supervisor of Special Renabilitation Services Ted Locke.

"They are two of several rehabilitants who have already greatly benefited from the Department of Education's new program which provides a needed step between the Rehabilitation Unit's services and vocational training."

Other rehabilitations who are presently enrolled in these special courses in Brandon are Frank McKay, Joe Hamilton, Juliet Harry, Sandy Panacheese and Richard Folster, and taking part in a similar program in Winnipeg are Solomon Walker, Oliver Shingoose, Stephen Gabriel and Isaiah Dick. Several other rehabilitants have already graduated.



Michael Kakegamick (left), a Sanatorium Board rehabilitant who last month graduated from the Brandon Vocational Training Centre, is congratulated by the Hon. Obie Baizley, Manitoba's minister of labor.

(Photo Courtesy of Dick Aberson, The Brandon Sun.)

Sanatorium Board's Mobile Unit Aids Massive Vancouver Survey

uary 15 to assist in a massive been tested.

The Sanatorium Board's end of May, it is expected Number Two mobile van was that close to 300,000 Vanshipped to Vancouver Jan- couver residents will have



Dr. A. L. Paine, medical superintendent of Manitoba Sanatorium, Ninette, was elected president of the **Manitoba Thoracic Society** at the annual meeting on January 29. Other new officers are: President - elect, Dr. Louis Cherniack; secretary, Dr. D. L. Scott; members at large, Dr. Reuben Cherniack and Dr. D. P. Snidal.

Dr. Paine also gave a paper on tuberculosis surgery at the meeting and Dr. C. B. Schomperlein presented a paper on I agener's Syndrome, an article which was recently published in the American P of Respiratory Diser as an was the joint work Schoemperlen and D. **Carey of Clearwater Lake** Hospital.

A special guest at the meeting of the Manitoba Thoracic Society was Dr. C. W. L. Jeanes, executive secretary of the Canadian Tuberculosis Association.

mercial training.

Mary Spence, of Minnedosa, completed a course in business machines and after six months of successful employment (as a clerk typist for a Winnipeg shoe manufacturer) she will receive her final certificate.

Mary, who is 18 years old, formerly worked as a domestic. She had a grade eight education when she entered the Rehabilitation Unit in February, 1963, and during the three months she spent in the unit she up-graded her education to a grade nine

EMPLOYEES NUIE

It is most important to keep income tax, personnel records and records pertaining to benefits up to date. The Sanatorium Board therefore requests that any change in name, address, telephone number, marital status or education, which has occurred since your employment began, be reported to your department head or to the Hospital Manager's office. Department heads will please relay this information to the Hospital Manager.



A.C.T. AUXILIARY PRESENTS CHEQUE — Mrs. W. B. Clarke (left), past president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Associated Canadian Travellers, Brandon Club, recently presented a cheque for \$400 to Assiniboine Hospital. Pictured receiving the cheque, which will be used to buy two alternating pressure mattresses and a geriatric chair for the patients, is Dr. A. H. Povah, chief of medical services. Mrs. W. R. McBeth, auxiliary hospital convener, looks on. (Photo by Dick Aberson, The Brandon Sun.)

ducted by the B.C. Tuberculosis Society, began in Vancouver schools on January 13 and will commence in the community on March 2. By the time it concludes at the

Survey Helps To Prevent Relapse

Resectional surgery continues to be an important part of tuberculosis treatment in Manitoba, according to Dr. A. L. Paine, medical superintendent of Manitoba Sanatorium.

This surgery not only helps where drugs have failed, but it also prevents relapse, espcially in patients who live in poor conditions at home.

Over the years Dr. Paine has performed 630 lung resections at Ninette, and many patients have owed their recovery to this surgery.

Over 400 have been followed from five to seventeen y e ar s following operation and the relapse rate among this group has been only three percent — compared to the ten to twenty percent relapses usually reported in those treated without surgery. Winnipeg, since this is the first time that a program of this scope has ever been attempted in Canada — or indeed, to our knowledge, anywhere.

As in past British Columbia surveys, the program will follow the "Operation Doorstep" procedure. The mobile vans carrying survey teams will move throughout the city in a block-by-block blitz.

In addition to the van from Winnipeg, mobile units have have also been collected from Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton and Washington state to help out with the operations.

Completes Pledge (Continued from page 1)

tor of the Sanatorium Board; Ald. David Weiss, deputy mayor of Brandon; T. A. Moore, dominion president of the A.C.T.; J. B. Craig, president of CKX Radio and Television Stations; Dr. A. L. Paine, medical superintendent of Manitoba Sanatorium; and Dr. A. H. Povah, chief of medical services of Assiniboine Hospital.

Three youngsters from Oakburn, Eugene and Geraldine Leganchuk and Shirley Zelinski, were presented the Rose Bowl, which is given each year by the Brandon A.C.T. to the contestant on the fall talent shows who received the most donations. Winnipeg January 27 to 31 for annual talks with the Sanatorium Board.

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T. A. J. Cunnings, executive director of the Sanatorium Board, and James Foort and Dr. F. R. Turr, directors of the Manitoba Rehabilitation Hospital's Prosthetic and Orthotic Research and Development Unit, attended a mee



orthotic centres, in Toromo on January 24. The representatives exchanged views on clinical matters and on the development of prosthetic services and training programs. The next meeting will be held in Winnipeg next October.

Mr. Cunnings also flew to Chicago to take part in the meeting of the American College of Hospital Administrators February 6 to 8. Mr. Cunnings was admitted as a nominee to professional society a a special convocation ceremony last August 25.

* * * Some 137 student from the Winnipeg (Hospital toured the toba Rehabilitation Hospital on January 29 and 31. Another group from Grace Hospital toured the hospital on January 30.