

ROSS SANATORIUM

The Ross Sanatorium is the largest and the most modern building on the Gaspe Coast, ~~and~~ is situated on the top of Mount Albert overlooking the Gaspe Bay, The most beautiful scenery in Eastern Canada, was Founded by His Excellency F.X, Ross, the late Bishop of Gaspe. This was his last achievement for the people of the Gaspe Coast. In the spring of 1945 after completing arrangements with the Provincial Government at Quebec for the Building of the Sanatorium, Bishop Ross took ill and died on July 5th of the same year at Québec.

Work began on the Sanatorium in the spring of 1946 and was completed early in 1950. On May 16th of the same year four Augustine Sisters from the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Gaspe Harbour, and three Augustine Sisters from the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Levis, Quebec, arrived at the Sanatorium to make preparations to receive the sick.

On September 30th 1950, the Sanatorium admitted its first patient, Mrs. Louis Brillant of Port Daniel, Bonaventure County, checked into Room 318 by evening of the same day eight patients had been admitted to the Sanatorium. However, the Sanatorium was only officially opened on September 15th 1951, by the Honorable Maurice Duplessis, Premier of Quebec. While in Gaspe Mr. Duplessis stayed at the Sanatorium and occupied three rooms. (273-275-276).

The Sanatorium is built of Granite Stone from St. Marc-des-Carriers, Quebec. The 250 bed, five storey structure, is 464 feet in length, 61 feet in width and has a wing 85 feet in length by 47 feet in width.

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There are 440 rooms and over a half mile of corridor. The building sponsors a Roman Catholic Chapel, a laundry, a theater, a cafeteria, a pharmacy, an X-ray room, a laboratory, a small operating room for minor surgery and a library founded by Raymond Patterson (a patient). The Sanatorium is equipped with a radio-controlled inter-communication system. Attached to the property are four dwellings, a duplex, a small apartment house, a garage, a boiler room and a workshop. It also had its own dairy farm but this was abandoned in 1957.

The Sanatorium cares for all races and creeds. Eskimos and Indians from Northern Quebec, children and even infant babies are treated. The aged that are alone in the world pass their last days here in comfort. For the people of the Gaspé coast it is a haven and many owe their lives to the Sanatorium.

The Administration went to a lot of work and expense to better the patient's standing by setting up a radio and mechanical shop. They bought weaving machines and accumulated correspondence courses for any who wished to study. They engaged instructors to stay at the Sanatorium and teach the patients. This was all free but has been discontinued because of lack of interest.

The Sanatorium is named in honour of the founder, Bishop Ross. It was built by the Quebec Government and is owned and operated by the Ross Corporation.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Judge Joseph L. Duguay - President.
- Doctor Leon Pelletier - Vice-President
- Doctor Jean Gregoire
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- Albert Boulet - Treasurer
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THE MEDICAL STAFF

Dr. David Beaulieu - Medical Director, Born April 24, 1906 at St. Auaclet Rimouski Quebec, graduated at Laval University, Quebec in 1931 and joined staff in April 1951.

Dr. P. Emilien Grenier, born September 16, 1910 at Perce Quebec, graduated at Laval University Quebec in 1943 and joined staff in September 1951.

Dr. Andre Czitrom, born February 1, 1922 at Tarbu-Mures Rumania, graduated at Paris University, France in 1950 and joined staff in 1951.

Dr. Raymond Bretton, born February 18, 1921 at Paris France, graduated at Toulouse University, France in 1950 and joined staff in 1957.

Dr. Michel Panneton, born April 30, 1930 at Montreal, Quebec, Graduated at The University of Montreal in 1957 and joined staff in May 1958.

Dr. Anicet Letourneau, Dentist, born July 1, 1923 at Mont Louis Quebec, graduated at Laval University Quebec in 1954 and joined staff in 1954.

Jacques Leclerc, Laboratory Technician, born September 16, 1931 at quebec City, Graduated at Laval University, Quebec in 1957 and joined staff in October 1957.

Dr. Genevieve Bretton, Assistant Laboratory Technician, joined staff in December 1957.

Francois Bouchard, X-ray Technician, Born March 15, 1925 at Louise Quebec, graduated Hotel Dieu Hospital, Montreal in 1950 and joined staff in September 1950.

Charles Cote, Assistant X-ray Technician, joined staff in 1954.

Trained Nurses at full staff - 18.

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Reverend Canon W. Harold M. Church, Anglican visiting Priests.

Reverend Eric G. Fullerton, United Church of Canada visiting minister.

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Reverend Sister St. Albert, Pharmacy.

Reverend Sister Immacuice-C, Nursing 4th floor.

Reverend Sister Marie De-Lourdes, Nursing Night.

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Henry T. Cabot of Gaspé Basin, Engineer, joined staff in 1949.

OFFICE STAFF

Philip Miville of Cap Chat, Accountant, joined staff May 26, 1950.

Therese Minville of Grand Valley, Secretary, joined staff May 1, 1950.

Jacqueline Savage of St. Maurice, Secretary.

Therese Chapados of New Carlisle, Secretary.

Charles Cotton of Gaspé Basin, Secretary.

Dorothy Nadeau of St. Godfrey, Private Secretary to Dr. Beaulieu.

OTHER HELP

Females -30-

Males -42-

This chapter would not be complete with-out mention. Two local Boys that are followint the mediaal Profession.

EVERETT LAWRENCE COFFIN MEDICAL DOCTOR

Everett Lawrence Coffin was born of Tuesday 22nd January 1929 at L'Anse au Cousins Gaspé. County Quebec son of Lawrence Coffin and Minnie Shiverton.

Everett began his scholastic career at the age of 6, when in September 1935 he was enrolled at Gaspé School. At an early age he showed promise of being a good stuedent , made most obvious by his ceaseless "Whys" whenever he had difficulty in understanding an issue. He attended above mentioned school until the Fall of 1938 when illness interfered and he was subjected to a period of enforced school absence. Then one day in early February 1939, while out on the hills skiing, he had a casual encounter with one of the Professors at Seminary. This kindly gentleman became keenly interested in Everett and invited him to visit with him at Seminary, which he did and came home all enthusiastic about following a course of study at that institution. His parents gave this matter quite some thought, finally deciding to fall in line and learn definitely how he would get along in the new envirenment which was completely French and Everett neither spoke nor understood any French. So in late February of 1939 he enrolled as a student and keenly began the task of mastering the school curriculum. It was not easy ^{way} by, with undaunted effort he was promoted to higher Frenx and Latin studies, along with all other subjects required for a B.A. Degree. Finally in June 1948 he had successfully written and passed all required examinations, receiving his B.A. Degree form Laval University with which institution Gaspé Seminary was affiliated. At this point may I mention all these examinations were written in French, his having mastered the language, speaking it fluently. All this in a short time of ~~12~~ 13 years at school.

With a keen desire for higher learning, he registered at the University of Toronto in the Fall of 1948, doing post graduate studies and while his previous study of French, Latin and working knowledge of Greek proved an advantage, he learned that in order to qualify for a M. A. Degree, he must take up another language. He chose German, acquired a working knowledge of it and wrote the necessary thesis after the required period of time and obtained his M. A. Degree from the above mentioned University of Toronto.

It was at this time that he decided to make medicine his life's work and in the Fall of 1950, along with other former schoolmates, he was registered at Laval University Faculty of Medicine where it was his privilege to acquire and fully appreciate the value of the Science of Medicine. He was a very successful student and on different occasions was elected President or Secretary of the different Student Body Organizations and was nominated as Debate Delegate to other medical schools. His success in this capacity was worthy of special note and it was during his final year at Medical School in 1955 he was elected as Debate Delegate to the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg.

On his return from Winnipeg, he applied and was accepted by the Board of the Jeffrey Hales Hospital as an interne. He served the required year of Internship and then sat for his final Medical Examinations and it was most heartwarming to those most interested in his success to learn that he had successfully completed all necessary examinations, received his Medical Degree with a CUM LAUDE HONOUR. Incidentally he pursued his Medical Studies in French but was allowed to enjoy the advantage of attending many lectures given to the English Speaking students of the Faculty.

On completing his Medical Studies the next step was to "Hang out his shingle" but he wished to continue on to the Specialist field so

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encouraged by his professors, he made application and was accepted at Columbia Hospital Pittsburgh, Pa. with the entrance date of July 1st. 1956. He served at Columbia in the Surgery area for the required period of One year, then continued on to St. Francis Hospital and fulfill all requirements necessary in the realization of his goal, a fully qualified Specialist in his chosen branch of the Medical Profession.

Personnaly Everett is a husky chap, about 6' and carries quite some weight. Has a keen and subtle sense of humour and an enthusiastic approach to his work. A most humble and unassuming person one may meet along the way. Is keenly interested in people and regardless of when or where, will spare no effort in trying to bring some measure of help and comfort to those who require his help. As one old lady remarked, he has a soft kindly voice, a gracious and comfort giving personality.

MAXWELL CHARLES PATTERSON - MEDICAL DOCTOR

Maxwell Charles Patterson was born on Friday 13th of September 1930 at Sunny Bank, Gaspé County, Que, son of Philip Patterson and Daisy Palmer. He spent all his life up to September 1946 in Sunny Bank, and the neighboring area. Never being more than thirty miles away from home on either coast and never going to Shiphead.

His schooling began at York Intermediate School in 1937 and continued (with one break) until 1946 when he completed Grade X, the 1943-44 School Year. He was forced to go to Gaspé Basin intermediate School since they had no teacher for Grade VIII at York.

In September 1946 he went to Mount Allison Academy at Sackville, N.B. where he obtained his Junior Matriculation. The following year it was an easy step across the street onto the University Campus (Mount Allison University), where he proceeded to take his Medical training and courses leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree which he received in the spring of 1951.

In September 1951 he began his Medical Studies at McGill University Montreal, and graduated in May 1955, receiving the Degree M.D.,C.M. (Doctor of Medicine and Master of Surgery). The following year was spent on a Junior Rotating Internships which we wrote the exams for the L.M.C.C. (Licence of the Medical Council of Canada). In 1957 he entered the R.C.N.V. as a Medical Officer, and is confined chiefly at Shearwater, N.S. (the Naval Air Station) and the S.S.H. Bonaventure Aircraft Carrier.

In 1955 he married Carolyn McFarland of Montreal, a Graduate of the Royal Victoria Hospital of Nursing. They have two boys, Andrew age 2½ years, and Robert age 11 months.