

APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AND REORGANIZATION OF THE KINGSTON PUBLIC
HOSPITAL

The House is being given this preliminary statement on the steps that are being taken to improve the organization at the Kingston Public Hospital in an effort to provide quicker and better service to the public. Although the Kingston Public Hospital's facilities are over-taxed, there is a shortage of Doctors and Nurses and there is the limited land space which makes it impossible for all the desired physical improvements to be carried out, nevertheless it was felt that certain short term measures could be put into effect to improve the situation.

2. There are two main tasks which require priority of attention. First, there is the necessity for changes to be made in the day-to-day administration of the Kingston Public Hospital and, secondly, there is need for amendment to the Hospitals (Public) Law and the framing of new Rules and Regulations governing the administration of the hospital. The existing Rules were made in 1935 and, apart from one or two minor amendments, have not been revised for nearly 30 years. It is quite clear that these Rules and Regulations are obsolete and, therefore, unworkable by present day standards.

3. Accordingly, a Medical Advisory Committee has been appointed by the Minister with the following terms of reference:

- (i) To consider existing Regulations governing the control and administration of hospitals and ancillary services and to make recommendations for their improvement.
- (ii) To make recommendations for immediate improvements to the Kingston Public Hospital.
- (iii) To submit proposals for achieving the closest co-operation between the University Hospital, private practitioners and the Government Medical Services.

4. The personnel of the Committee is as follows:-

Dr. Vernon Lindo - (Chairman)	Dr. W.J.S. Wilson
Dr. G. Cummins	Dr. J.G. McNeil-Smith
Dr. K. Wilson James	Dr. G.V. Harry
Dr. Louis Grant	Dr. Ivan Parris
Dr. Ken Stuart	Dr. J.T. Burrowes
Dr. Ludlow Burke	Mr. Sydney Anderson

5. The Committee met for the first time on the 2nd of October, 1962, and has been meeting weekly so as to expedite its business.

6. The House will also be interested to know that Messrs. Urwick, Orr and Partners, an International Firm of Management Consultants, have been engaged to undertake a survey of the working of the Ministry of Health and Hospital and Health Services. This is the firm of Consultants who carried out the reorganization of the Public Works Department and its integration with the Ministry of Communications and Works. In keeping with the decision that attention should be paid to the Kingston Public Hospital as a number one priority, representatives of the Firm have already been at work at the Kingston Public Hospital looking into certain aspects of reorganization. A report on the Casualty Department has already been made and a first reorganizational step taken to ensure that patients are afforded attention in the minimum time that facilities and staff will allow.

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