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MILITARY HOSPITAL

After World War I, Craigdarroch was just one of many military veterans' hospitals operated by the Government of Canada across the country. It was one of three hospitals designated for veterans deemed 'incurable' by the Government.

The patients in these institutions are mostly men who, for example have been shot through the spinal column and are partly or completely paralysed. A large staff of nurses and occupational-therapy workers give them constant care, and in a recent inspection of the men, in spite of their unfortunate condition, seemed happy and contented...It is interesting to note that a not inconsiderable proportion of those ordinarily classed as incurable respond satisfactorily to occupational treatment, even though such treatment must be carried out in conjunction with other medical or surgical treatment over a very long period...

It is considered that all efforts of the Vocational and Medical Branches of the Department in these cases are amply rewarded by the results. Perseverance in treatment towards cure in these hospitals for long treatment is considered preferable to placing patients ordinarily classed as incurable in homes for incurables to await tediously the end of their lives, rendered inactive by war service

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