

## LEPROSY NEWS AND NOTES

*Information concerning institutions, organizations, and individuals connected with leprosy work, scientific or other meetings, legislative enactments, and other matters of interest.*

### FIFTH INTERNATIONAL LEPROSY CONGRESS

The Fifth International Leprosy Congress will meet in Havana, Cuba, April 3-11, 1948. All members of the International Leprosy Association are invited to attend. The government of Cuba will officially invite all countries to send delegates.

The honorary president of the Congress will be Dr. Ramón Grau San Martín, the President of the Republic of Cuba.

A local executive committee has been formed of which the president is Dr. Alberto Oteiza Setien, the secretary Dr. Ismael Ferrer Pulgaron, and the treasurer Dr. Braulio Sáenz. Other members of the committee are Dr. Pedro Nogueira, Dr. Ramón Ibarra, Dr. Francisco Tiant, and Dr. Fernando Tresplacios.

There will be scientific programs of the Congress from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p. m. daily. Among the subjects to be discussed are the classification of leprosy and the new forms of treatment. Social gatherings and entertainment will be arranged.

All members of the International Leprosy Association are invited to send papers whether or not they are able to attend. Titles and abstracts of papers should be sent to Dr. Ernest Muir, at 167 Victoria Street, London, S.W. 1, England, not later than December 31, 1947, and the copy of the paper not later than February 15, 1948.

It is hoped that arrangements may be made for delegates to visit the leprosarium at Carville, Louisiana, U.S.A. and other not too far distant treatment centers after the Congress closes.

Dr. Muir is anxious to know as soon as possible the names of those persons who plan to attend the Conference, and whether they will attend as private members or as official representatives of a country or society.

### LEPROSY IN CANADA\*

#### *Dominion Government Hospital for Treatment of Leprosy at Bentinck Island, B. C.*

There were no admissions and no discharges during the year.

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\*From the Annual Report of the Department of National Health and Welfare of Canada for the Fiscal Year ended March 31, 1946, pp. 41-42.

Routine care and treatment of patients and maintenance of equipment were carried on. Relative information follows:

Patients remaining from last year .....	2
Admitted during the year .....	0
Died during the year .....	0
Released during the year .....	0
Remaining in hospital .....	2

One patient is a Chinese male, the other a Japanese male. Both cases are bacteriologically negative.

*Dominion Government Hospital for Treatment of  
Leprosy at Tracadie, N. B.*

Of the seven patients in hospital, four may be considered as under active treatment and showing signs, to a variable degree, of active leprosy. The other three are considered as arrested cases. Four of the patients are males and three females. Three are of French Acadian origin, one of French and Scotch descent, two of Russian ancestry (one Canadian born), and one Chinese.

Particulars are as follows:

Remaining from last year .....	7
Admitted during the year .....	0
Died during the year .....	0
Discharged during the year .....	0
Remaining in hospital .....	7

At the end of the fiscal year the patients were still being housed in what was formerly the residence for medical officers. It was anticipated, however, that they would soon be moved into the wing of the new institution, which was built for their care. This institution possesses all the facilities of a general hospital with the wing for the care of the leper patients. It is of fireproof construction and was built by the Sisters of the Hotel-Dieu de Saint-Joseph of Tracadie, N. B. The Department contributed to the cost of the special wing, which was built according to the Department's standards. Upon their transfer to this wing remuneration for the care of the patients will be on a per diem basis.