

is what our people are talking the most about, the fact that when they go in hospital they go under another doctor and not their own doctor. Their own doctor does not practice in the hospital since it was there. We don't know why, and people asked me to try and find out.

**Mr. Ashbourne** That's probably a government regulation about having their own doctors in the various localities. It is quite understandable. You could not have every doctor in every community on the hospital staff at \$200 a month, it would run up the cost considerably. I take it that fee you pay the doctor, who is not associated with the cottage hospital, is a fee to have your name on his books as we used to say in years gone by, and whoever wanted his services, summer or winter, night or day, would have to put his name on the books and pay him a certain annual fee. I will try to get that information for you.

**Mr. Vincent** That, to my mind, is a matter for the local board of health. The fee is \$10, and that covers all settlements.

**Mr. Crummey** There are two points there, one is that he has the family doctor, but at Old Perlican the doctor does not come within the radius of the hospital. He pays the family doctor for his services, but on the other hand he is affiliating himself with the hospital in case his family has to go there and get special rates. If he is outside the territory he pays \$4, otherwise it is \$10 altogether. There is no discrimination against your doctor going into that hospital, although he has to go there under the supervision of the other doctor.

**Mr. Bailey** We were wondering about that. I don't know why because our doctor is a government doctor too.

**Mr. Crummey** But he is only getting a subsidy because of your people who cannot pay. The hospital doctor is getting his fee as a doctor in the hospital plus the fees.

**Mr. Vardy** There are various scales of payment for these cottage hospitals. I think I have a receipt here from Walwyn Hospital<sup>1</sup> for \$15. There is also a fee for the X-ray, and the \$10 is the nominal hospital fee, and there is a special medical fee for certain special services if you pay the extra \$5 and happen to require it. I think that's correct.

**Mr. Butt** On page 10:

<sup>1</sup>In Come-By-Chance.

<sup>2</sup>Volume II:256.

Hospital beds: We have 1 for each 111 of our population. Doctors: We have 1 for each 2,719 of our population. Nurses: We have 1 for each 1,046 of our population

I have no doubt that's statistically correct. I was wondering if the Committee went into that. In other words is there a bed available for every 111 people? In practice have they been able to get to where we have one doctor for every 2,700 people?

**Mr. Ashbourne** No, it's not a general average. In St. John's, yes.

**Mr. Butt** It does not work out in that way?

**Mr. Ashbourne** Not really.

**Mr. Butt** In that case you may have one doctor for 5,000 people.

**Mr. Smallwood** I think the figure taken as the ideal is one doctor per 400 of the population. I don't suppose there is a country that has reached that ideal although some come much nearer to it than we have done. Some countries average one doctor for every 1,200.

**Mr. Starkes** That does not apply in White Bay and Green Bay districts. The population down there is around 30,000, and there is one doctor in Baie Verte in the Bowater company's operation. [*The Secretary read the next section*]<sup>2</sup>

**Mr. Hollett** I would like a word on that. You give the infant mortality rate for Newfoundland over a period of years and on the next page the infant mortality rate by countries. You have Newfoundland down as 91, New Zealand 31, South Africa 52, Denmark 45, Australia 36, Canada 21.4. I take it that is per 1,000 births. I am wondering if that's a typographical error, or where did you get your statistics?

**Mr. Ashbourne** Perhaps Mr. Smallwood could answer that question.

**Mr. Smallwood** The statistics affecting Newfoundland were obtained from the Division of Vital Statistics which has been keeping them for many years past. The statistics on other countries were obtained from their year books.... The particular question that Mr. Hollett has asked with regard to infant mortality rate by countries, speaking from memory I could not swear that there is no typographical error at the bottom of that table, Canada (1940) the rate 21.4. I suggest that someone obtain the original script and see