

Mr. Hillier Was Lamaline omitted? It had been a nursing station but there is no nurse to my knowledge there now.

Mr. Job I am going to ask one question. In the cottage hospitals there are 14 doctors. Are those in residence or are they just working part-time? Do they have a doctor at all these cottage hospitals all the time?

Mr. Ashbourne Not as far as I am aware. They have a doctor associated with some of them, and they also practice in the other localities around. I have not a list of the doctors at present associated with the various hospitals, but I could get that if you would like to have the names of the doctors in the different localities.

Mr. McCormack It was mentioned about district nurses; and on page 10 it says, "304 nurses, or one for each 1,046 of the population." It should not be necessary for me to call attention to the fact that the people of Trepassey and that vicinity are in urgent need of a nurse. They have quite a population and are isolated all winter and I have been trying to get a nurse installed there for some time but could not do so. Those people have no doctor or nurse, and over all Conception Bay there are a lot of nurses in a section connected with the city by railroad and taxis all winter.

Mr. Ashbourne Thank you, Mr. McCormack. Has there never been a nurse at Trepassey?

Mr. McCarthy There has been, yes.

Mr. Ashbourne It says there are places vacant, I presume that is one of the places.

Mr. McCarthy A similar position exists at Lourdes. Six years ago we did have one for a few months, and two years ago we had one for two months. I guess that's how it is with part-time nurses.

Mr. Miller It says "...doctors in the part-time service of the hospital". How can a man in part-time service direct anything?

Mr. Burry It is true that this Committee found there was a shortage of doctors, and when the department could get one they put him at the hospital where he was most needed and he did the directing while he was there; but the shortage of doctors necessitated that he would not be there very long. I feel that when the situation changes for the better all these cottage hospitals will have full-time doctors in charge.

Mr. Spencer The report mentions that at present there is no doctor on the *Lady Anderson*.¹ I wonder how many years is it since there has been a doctor there? It may be in some other part of the report that I have not come to yet, but do you have the cost of the *Lady Anderson*?

Mr. Ashbourne Mr. Spencer will find in the statistics the information that he requires. If it is not there I will be glad to ascertain from the department the further information that you require and see that you get it.

Mr. Hickman On the *Lady Anderson*, I notice there is at present no doctor. How long has that been so, and to what extent does it hamper the work for which it is intended?

Mr. Ballam In reply to Mr. Miller's question about the 14 cottage hospital doctors working part-time, I have been at these places and those doctors supervise the hospital and do the surgical work necessary, and serve the community outside on their own, and that's why it is called a part-time job. I can speak for Stephenville Crossing and the Bonne Bay area as well. Usually those localities are without medical care and doctors, that's how they come into the category of part-time work.

Mr. Ashbourne Thank you, Mr. Ballam. You will find as you go through the cottage hospital reports, they give the bed capacity and staff, number of patient days, etc....

Answering Mr. Hickman's question, I tried to find out about the doctor on the *Lady Anderson* when I was interviewing the head of the department. He advised us that there was not a doctor at the present time, but they are hoping to get one later on. I can't say what the last time was they had a doctor.

Mr. Hickman How much would that hamper the work of the ship?

Mr. Ashbourne Well, the nurse goes around and does what she can in that locality. I don't know if there is any member from that section who could enlighten the Convention on that point.... I am sure the nurse is doing what she can in that district the *Lady Anderson* is supposed to cover.

Mr. Hollett I have not been there for about five years, but I do understand that the *Lady Anderson* is costing \$18,000 a year and has not had a doctor

¹The *Lady Anderson* was a small hospital boat, stationed on the southwest coast. It was named after the wife of a governor, Sir D.M. Anderson.