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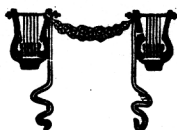
Aberhart  
Memorial Sanatorium

OCTOBER FOURTEENTH

2:30 P.M.

NINETEEN HUNDRED and FORTY NINE

University Avenue  
EDMONTON, ALBERTA  
Canada



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# ORDER OF CEREMONIES

*At the Site of the Sanatorium . . .*

O CANADA

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Hon. E. C. Manning,  
Premier of Alberta

ADDRESS—Hon. Dr. W. W. Cross,  
Minister of Health and Public Welfare

ADDRESS—Dr. A. H. Baker,  
Medical Superintendent and Director  
Division of Tubercular Control

ADDRESS—Dr. G. R. Davison,  
Director Edmonton Tuberculosis Clinic

ADDRESS—T. A. Shandro,  
Executive Officer, Alberta Tuberculosis Association

DEDICATION

Rev. R. S. Faulks

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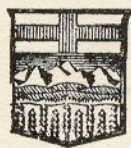
Mrs. William Aberhart

BENEDICTION

Rev. R. S. Faulks

GOD SAVE THE KING

Tea at Nurses' Residence, University Hospital



# ABERHART MEMORIAL SANATORIUM

## *Opening Ceremonies*

FEBRUARY TWENTIETH

8:00 p.m.

Nineteen Hundred and Fifty Two



UNIVERSITY AVENUE  
EDMONTON, ALBERTA  
CANADA





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O CANADA

Honourable E. C. Manning, Premier of Alberta  
(Chairman)

Dr. A. H. Baker, former General Medical Superintendent and  
Medical Director Division of Tuberculosis Control.

Dr. G. R. Davison, General Medical Superintendent and Medical  
Director Division of Tuberculosis Control.

Honourable D. Bruce MacMillan, Minister of Public Works.

Presentations to: Mrs. William Aberhart  
Hon. Dr. W. W. Cross

Official Opening

Mrs. William Aberhart

Reply

Dr. H. H. Stephens  
Medical Superintendent, Aberhart Memorial Sanatorium

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Inspection of  
Sanatorium

Tea served in  
cafeteria





HON. WILLIAM ABERHART  
Premier of Alberta  
1935 - 1943

This evening the Aberhart Memorial Sanatorium is being opened. It is appropriate that this new institution—one of the finest of its kind in Canada—should be dedicated to the memory of the late Premier William Aberhart. Until his death in 1943, Premier Aberhart maintained a keen interest in health problems, and it was during his term of office that the health service program of Alberta was broadened and intensified.



Erection of this 300 bed Sanatorium was embarked upon in July, 1948, when the Honourable Dr. W. W. Cross, Minister of Health and Welfare, turned the first sod. Plans for the building were instituted by the late Honourable W. A. Fallow, Minister of Public Works. The working drawings for the main building and Nurses' Home were prepared in the Architectural Branch of the Department of Public Works in close liaison with the Tuberculosis Division, Department of Health. Mr. W. L. Somerville, of Toronto, was consulting architect. The plans for the Services Building were developed in the offices of Mr. P. Campbell-Hope. Poole Construction Co. Ltd. were the general contractors.

The design of the Sanatorium proper, following the principles of Alvar Aalto, Finnish Architect, permits the maximum of sunlight and air. The main section of the building, 375 feet in length, faces south and is given over to treatment beds. The auxiliary services are located in the north wing. The diagnostic clinic is also located in this wing. Patients will benefit from the advantages of the latest development in diagnostic procedures as well as treatment.

Alberta was the first province in Canada to provide free treatment for tuberculosis out of general revenue by the proclamation of the Free Treatment for Tuberculosis Act on June 1, 1936. Under this Act treatment and diagnostic services were provided for pulmonary and other infectious types by the Alberta Department of Public Health through the Division of Tuberculosis Control. On February 1, 1949, the scope of the Free Treatment Act was broadened and the same services have since been available to all forms of tuberculous disease.

The opening of this hospital marks another step forward in the prevention and control of tuberculosis in the Province of Alberta.

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Feb 20, 1952

# Mrs. Aberhart Opens Memorial Sanatorium

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EDMONTON, Feb. 20 (CP)—Mrs. William Aberhart, widow of the first Social Credit Premier, at a private ceremony Wednesday night officially opened the Aberhart Memorial Sanatorium on the University of Alberta campus here.

The \$3,000,000 building is acclaimed one of the most modern hospitals in North America and has every conceivable device for the comfort and convenience of patients. It was constructed in memory of the late William Aberhart, Premier of Alberta from 1935 until his death in May 1943.

The hospital, when in full operation, will serve tuberculosis patients from all parts of northern Alberta. More than 300 patients are expected to be moved into the sanatorium in the near future.

Maintaining headquarters at the hospital are Dr. G. R. Davison, medical director of the Tuberculosis Division of Prevention and Control

for all of Alberta, and Dr. H. H. Stephens, medical superintendent of the Aberhart Hospital. A staff of more than 150 will look after the patients.

Full facilities for treatment of tuberculosis patients are to be found on the four floors of the building. Ninety percent of the wards face toward the south, providing a maximum of sunlight for the patients and corridors and wards are painted in soft shades of blue, green and yellow.

Sixty shades of coloring were used in painting the interior of the building. Everything has been done to eliminate annoying little sounds which might disturb patients.

## BLINDS CAN'T FLAP

Blinds on windows are bordered with a stiff wire frame so they cannot flap and divert the patients while they are resting. Hooks are inserted on the doors in place of door-knobs. Rubber-tile floors eliminate the sound of visitors and nurses walking up and down the corridors.

Radios will not be allowed in the building but programs will be channelled to the patients over a special network operated from a central control room. "Pillow phones" which the patient can place on or under his pillow, will transmit programs to the listener without disturbing his neighbors.

Equipment in the building includes a dentist's office, an \$18,000 X-ray machine and many smaller X-ray units, full kitchen facilities and numerous other things.

## SUNDECK ON ROOF

The roof of the building has been converted to a sundeck. The head nurse on each floor will work in a glass-partitioned office from which she can see the full distance up and down each corridor.

Even the exit lights on doors are painted a subdued shade of red.

DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC:  
CENTRAL ALBERTA SANATORIUM  
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(MONDAY & WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS)



PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC:  
ROOM 300, GENERAL HOSPITAL  
EDMONTON

(TUESDAY & THURSDAY AFTERNOONS)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
DIVISION OF TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

~~CENTRAL ALBERTA SANATORIUM~~

~~CALGARY~~

Aberhart Memorial Sanatorium  
Edmonton, Alberta  
January 25th, 1952

Mrs. Wm. Aberhart  
1720-9A Street West  
CALGARY, Alberta

Dear Mrs. Aberhart:

No doubt you are already aware of the fact that the date for the official opening of the Aberhart Memorial Sanatorium is set for Wednesday, February the twentieth. The proceedings are to commence at eight-thirty in the evening. The ceremony is to take the form of a key presentation.

We will be very pleased if you would kindly officially open the institution.

We would also be pleased if Mr. and Mrs. McNutt can attend the ceremony.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "G. R. Davison".

G. R. Davison, M.D.  
Chairman, Arrangement Committee

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