

HISTORIC SITE

The Isolation Hospital

Until well into the twentieth century plagues of communicable diseases had raged widely. Among these smallpox, meningitis, typhoid and scarlet fever, diphtheria, poliomyelitis and tuberculosis had killed, disabled and disfigured many people. As medical experts then believed in the curative benefits of fresh air, the Peterborough County Medical Society lobbied for an isolation hospital in a country setting. The Queen Mary Isolation Hospital was built in 1910-11 on Langton Street atop the hill. Although never heavily used it was a source of much local pride. But after 1945 effective vaccines, antibiotics, and sulpha drugs contained most of the worst plagues. As well, improved facilities at the other two hospitals, made the isolation hospital redundant. It was closed in 1950 and demolished in 1958.

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