STATE HOSPITAL PROVIDED FOR IN OR NEAR SHAMOKINAct of Jun. 13, 1907, P.L. 699, No. 601Cl. 35

AN ACT

To provide for the selection of a site and the erection of a State Hospital for injured persons, to be located at or near Shamokin, in the county of Northumberland, to be called a State Hospital for Injured Persons of the Treverton, Shamokin and Mount Carmel Coal Fields, and for the management of the same, and making an appropriation therefor.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Governor shall appoint six commissioners to select a site and build a hospital for injured persons, to be located at or near Shamokin, in the Trevorton, Shamokin, and Mount Carmel coal fields, embracing the county of Northumberland; said commissioners to be chosen from the county, who shall serve without compensation, other than their necessary traveling expenses incurred while in discharge of the duties herein prescribed and set forth.

Section 2. Said commissioners shall select, within four months after the date of their appointment, a tract of land, at or near Shamokin, in Northumberland county, aforesaid.

Section 3. Said tract of land, so selected, shall be approved by the Governor, in writing; and the deed for the same shall be taken in the name of the Commonwealth, in fee, for any lands donated for the purpose aforesaid.

Section 4. The said commissioners shall adopt such plan for said hospital as shall involve an expenditure for erection, exclusive of the land, of not over sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00), when completed: Provided, That the plan of said building or buildings shall be approved by the Board of Public Charities: Provided, further, That the land necessary for such purpose shall be donated.

Section 5. The said Commission shall have power to employ and fix the compensation of the superintendent of construction, and such other persons as they may think necessary to employ, to secure the proper and economical construction of said building or buildings: Provided, That the total expenses of said building shall not exceed sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00).

Section 6. To enable the said commissioners to properly perform the duties assigned them, as herein provided for, the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) is hereby appropriated, annually, for the years one thousand nine hundred and seven and one thousand nine hundred and eight, to be drawn from the Treasury as may be required for the erection of buildings hereinbefore mentioned, on warrants signed by the Chairman of the Commission and countersigned by the President or General Agent of the Board of Public Charities.

Section 7. Said commissioners shall proceed to erect said buildings, and complete the same at as early a period as possible compatible with the economical, substantial, and skillful execution of the work; and shall make report to the Board of Public Charities of the amount of money expended by them, and of the progress made in the erection of said buildings, semi-annually at least, and oftener if so required by said Board.

Section 8. The said commissioners, upon completion of said hospital, shall surrender their trust to the Board of Managers, or trustees, to consist of nine members, to be appointed by the Governor from the county; said managers or trustees shall be a body politic or corporate, by the name and style of "The Trustees of the State Hospital of the Trevorton, Shamokin, and Mount Carmel Coal Fields, of Pennsylvania." They shall serve without compensation; shall manage and direct the concerns of the institution in consonance with the provisions of this act, and shall make all necessary by-laws and regulations, not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth.

Section 9. (9 repealed Oct. 4, 1978, P.L.909, No.173) Section 10. The trustees of the said hospital may, from time to time, charge any patient, other than the classes named in section nine of this act, an amount sufficient to cover the cost of treatment.

Section 11. It shall be lawful for the trustees of said hospital to receive contributions or donations from any person, firm, or corporation offering to contribute or donate any money or other valuable consideration, whether by will, gift, deed, or otherwise, to aid in the support, maintenance, and for improving the property of said hospital: Provided, That the proceeds of all contributions or donations, received by the said trustees under the provisions of this section, shall be especially appropriated for the purpose herein stated: Provided, further, That an itemized statement of the same, showing the whole amount of money received by the said trustees, under the provisions of this section, and the name or names of any person, firm, or corporation contributing or donating the same, together with an itemized statement of the expenditures of said money, shall be made quarterly, under oath, to the Auditor General, the same as statements for State appropriations are now required by law.

Section 12. The Governor, judges of the several courts of record in the county of Northumberland, and members of the Legislature, shall be ex-officio visitors of the institution.