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gradations to cases of primary malignant hyperblastosis, to cases of diffuse lympho-sarcomatosis and myelosarcomatosis.

If the views here laid down, and the relationships of this group of conditions be correct, we arrive at certain interesting conclusions. Namely, and first, that whatever be the essential cause of the autonomous blastomas, we have in these hyperblastoses a group of diffuse overgrowths which by analogy must be regarded as due to disturbances of metabolic equilibrium; which, further, in their simple non-malignant stages at least, may possibly be combatted eventually (certainly not to-day) along the lines of organotherapy. Secondly, that every transition is observable in this series between the development of overgrowths of fully differentiated tissue, non-malignant grades of anaplasia, and diffuse malignant infiltrative growths. This suggests strongly that the causation of malignancy is not to be sought for in the entry and action of external agencies, but in stimulation of the growth properties of specific tissues by changes in what I may term tissue equilibrium. And lastly, that the more we study, the more we become impressed by the fact that the number of conditions of hyperblastosis, whether simple or malignant, is relatively considerable, so considerable as to deserve separate consideration.

A NEW hospital was opened at Powell River, B.C., in September. This hospital, erected by Andrew Henderson, is a handsome two-storey building, occupying an elevation overlooking the beautiful village and habour of Powell River. It is capable of accommodating twenty-five patients without overcrowding. There are two commodious surgical and medical wards and a number of private wards. The operating room is fitted up in accord with modern ideas.