

### A GREAT EVENT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

On the 25th of October the Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of Canada, opened the Connaught Laboratories of the Department of Hygiene of the University of Toronto. The laboratories are the gift of Col. Albert Gooderham. In connection with these laboratories is a farm of fifty acres of land, situated on the Vaughan Road, York townline, eight miles from St. Clair Avenue. Col. Gooderham handed to Sir Edmund Walker, chairman of the Board of University Trustees, the keys. With this went promises of support to the amount of \$25,000. This, with \$75,000 from the Province, which Sir William Hearst said would be given, will make an endowment fund.

The Duke of Devonshire remarked that the day was eventful, not only in the history of the university, but of the city. Having remarked that the world is getting more and more dependent on science, he said he had been associated with two English universities, one old Oxford, and the other new, Leeds, so he knew how valuable were such gifts as Col. Gooderham's to the whole community in which they were made. Thousands of our men's lives have already been saved by such discoveries as emanate from these laboratories of our universities.

Sir William Hearst, on behalf of the Government of Ontario, expressed their thanks to Col. and Mrs. Gooderham for their generosity. It was among the most valuable public gifts made in recent years, measured not merely by dollars and cents, but in its human usefulness. In the South African War there had been 8,000 deaths among the British from typhoid. In the present war there had been, thanks to such inventions as the serums made at the laboratories, only 167 cases in the British army, and only one death from that cause in the Canadian corps, and that was of a man who refused the inoculation. The Government would next session pass a bill for the appropriation of \$75,000 for the work to bring the endowment up to \$100,000.

Among those present were: Sir John Hendrie, Sir Robert and Lady Falconer, Sir James Grant, Sir William and Lady Hearst, Lieut.-Col. Ryerson, Col. McCullough, Col. R. W. Leonard (St. Catharines), Dr. Montezamfert (Ottawa), Col. Albert and Mrs. Gooderham, Major Todd, Dr. F. Torrance (Ottawa), Dr. Simon Flexner (Rockefeller Institute, New York), Prof. V. A. Moore (Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.), the Bishop of Toronto, Rev. Dr. Sweeny, Col. Wilson, Col. Hardy, Professors Squair, Keyes, Mavor, Baker, Alexander, McIver, McMurrich, and Capt. Kenyon-Slaney, aide-de-camp to the Duke of Devonshire.

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### WHAT SCIENCE IS DOING FOR SURGERY AND MEDICINE.

The visit of Dr. Simon Flexner, of the Rockefeller Institute of Research, on 25th October, was an occasion of more than usual interest.