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### HOSPITAL AND FINANCES

In the last issue of Le Madawaska the unsigned writer continues his article on a supposititious fact that we do not need a hospital in Edmundston. He still continues to talk about St. Basile. He is, in fact, hiding behind the Hotel Dieu at St. Basile. He is trying to prove that which cannot be proved—which our old friend Euclid says is absurd. For you cannot prove, however good the Hospital is at St. Basile is, that we do not need one here. He speaks of Montreal, and says that there are people in that city living four miles away from a hospital. The writer does not doubt that there are people living four miles away from a hospital in Montreal, but the chief thing is that not all the people are living four miles away from a hospital there—only a small portion of them. THE HOSPITALS IN THE CITY OF MONTREAL ARE PLACED WHERE THE POPULATION IS THE GREATEST. But in Edmundston we all live from four to four hundred miles away from a hospital. The writer in our esteemed contemporary surely never studied logic.

Not only does the writer of the articles in Le Madawaska know that we do not need a hospital here, but he knows what the cost of a hospital would be, and rashly sets down figures. I must confess however that I would have more confidence in those figures if they came from an expert, which I do not think our nameless friend is. Continuing the article he says "If he (The Observer) is really anxious for the welfare of the people, why doesn't he start a campaign for the much needed amelioration of the St. Basile Hospital?"

Here again we find inconsistency in thought. Last week we were told that everything that could be desired was at St. Basile, and now the editor is invited to start a campaign for the better equipment of that place. And most heartily will the editor accede to that request, after we have a hospital of our own here. But another question comes to mind here. Why does not Le Madawaska start this campaign itself, instead of wasting time trying to prove that an industrial population of five thousand people can be served by a hospital several miles away? Finally Le Madawaska says "We do not accuse the Observer of wrong doing but we repeat it again, The Observer does not know the question enough to discuss it in a practical way. Let him think it over and he will see where he is wrong."

The Editor has been thinking it over and he does see where our esteemed contemporary Le Madawaska is wrong. As regards being able to discuss it in a practical way, we leave it to the reader to say whether the Observer of Le Madawaska has confined itself to facts, and discussed the matter from the practical standpoint, keeping the discussion fair, and withal being courteous.

And again the Observer repeats Edmundston needs a hospital, for her own inhabitants, in her own town limits, supported by her own people, and whether it costs sixteen thousand or sixty thousand, she still needs it. Edmundston is not complete, has not attained her place until she has an institution for the care of her sick and injured. WHY NOT A HOSPITAL FOR EDMUNDSTON?

JOHN HARDWICK.

### THE SCHOOLS

Next week the Schools will open again for the fall and winter.

Summer is exceedingly short to the school-boy and winter comes too soon. School even with all the modern conception of what school should be, is considered by the growing boy as a compulsory thing and hateful because of that. And yet the school is the most important thing in the life of the child outside of the religious and moral training of the home and the church. The influence of the teachers upon their pupils is a life long influence. The impressions they make upon the life of the boy or girl is like an impression upon dampened clay. How many of us, who have grown to staid manhood or womanhood look back with affection upon some teachers and with feelings of anything but affection to others?

For nine months of the year, five days of the week, morning and afternoon, our children are intrusted to the care of care of men and women who are to impart to them the elementary lessons of learning. May the teachers

### RETURNED WITH A VISITOR

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas W. C. Stevens and children, of Edmundston, arrived in the city last evening by auto, on their return to their homes, after a two weeks' tour of Nova Scotia, Moncton and Elgin, Albert Co. They were accompanied by T. A. Goggin, of Elgin, who is taking a trip to Woodstock, in Carleton County, Presque Isle, Port Fairfield and Caribou, Maine, where Mr. Goggin is purposing to study the conditions of potato raising in the district for that industry in the sections mentioned. He will be away three weeks. While here Mr. Goggin and his friends are guests of his daughter, Mrs. William Sutherland, Brookville. They leave for Woodstock today. Mr. Goggin is a Councillor of Albert County and a leading farmer as well. Douglas Stevens is a prosperous druggist of the firm of Stevens Bros., having large stores in Woodstock, Edmundston and Centreville.—St. John Journal.

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