

able notion of erecting an hospital to be called the Royal Victoria Hospital. Accordingly each placed the princely sum of five hundred thousand dollars in the hands of a body of trustees, some of whom only were named by them. The city furnished the site, and one of the most experienced hospital architects in Europe, Mr. Saxon Snell, was engaged to prepare plans. The objection being made to the original site that it was in too close proximity to the reservoir, the Founders purchased an adjoining piece of land, at a cost of \$86,000, on which to erect the building, that donated by the city to be used as part of the hospital grounds. The latter will comprise in all twenty-three acres, with a frontage on Pine Avenue of 820 feet. Ground was broken on the 18th June, 1890, and the buildings are under contract to be completed in May of next year. The cost will be in the neighbourhood of \$600,000. There will be accommodation for two hundred and fifty patients, exclusive of private patients. Through the kindness of Mr. Robson, secretary of the Board of Trustees, I have secured a set of plans of the hospital, which will be open to your inspection during the meeting.

It is expected that among the many modern improvements for the cure of the sick which will be introduced into these new hospitals, proper provision will be made for baths of all descriptions. In connection with the new Hamburg Hospital which I visited last year a most elaborate system of baths has been instituted. I found patients suffering from extensive burns and septic conditions of various kinds lying immersed in weak antiseptic solutions, many of them having been there for days. In the same building arrangements are also provided for administering hot air, vapor and alkaline baths of all descriptions. So in Vienna, in connection more particularly with the skin department of the great Krankenhaus, similar arrangements are provided.

In this connection it has often occurred to me that we, as a profession on this side of the Atlantic, set too low a value on those mineral springs with which Nature has so abundantly supplied us. Patients, as a rule, are allowed to choose their own