

A meeting of the directors was called, and after consultation it was decided to memorialize the Government to the effect that in the opinion of the directors a great mistake would be made if a Provincial Eye and Ear Infirmary was established on the grounds of the General Hospital. The distance of that hospital from the centre of the city would entail great hardships upon a large proportion of the patients, many of whom are obliged to attend daily; and the inconvenience would be increased from the want of any public conveyance going to and from the hospital.

In regard to the attendance of the surgeons, the tax upon their time and strength would be quite too much to admit of their giving the attention necessary for the efficient treatment of the patients. For these reasons the directors feared that should the infirmary be established at the hospital, its success would be very questionable. They, therefore, represented to the Government that, in the event of the infirmary being transferred to the hospital, those surgeons in active practice, who had given special attention to the treatment of eye and ear diseases, and whose services the patients would have a right to expect, would be unable to attend, and the practice would fall into the hands of younger men with less experience.

Moreover, the success of the contemplated enterprise, as the Directors now understand it, depends entirely upon the health and strength and ability of one individual, whereas the Toronto Eye and Ear Infirmary has always had a staff of qualified assistants to take the place of the surgeons in case of their sickness or absence from any cause.

No reply to the remonstrance of the directors was received from the Government, but at the last session of Parliament, notwithstanding the fact that a large number of petitions from the Provincial municipalities were presented to the House in favour of Government aid to the building fund of the Toronto Infirmary, and opposed to the erection of an Infirmary in the vicinity of any institution where patients might be exposed to contagious diseases, a grant of \$10,000 was made to the Trustees of the Hospital to enable them to build an Infirmary on their grounds.

The directors have none but the most cordial feelings for the management of the General Hospital, and congratulate the trustees on its increased efficiency and prosperity, but they feel it their

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