

THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT'S ILLNESS.

The exact nature of the illness of H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught we do not know. The announcements made to the public stated she was suffering from an attack of peritonitis. This does not, however, convey much information.

The pleasing part is, however, that she is steadily recovering. In this every citizen of Canada takes pleasure. As the foremost lady in the land she has made herself personally popular with all classes. We hope that her health may now remain satisfactory, and that nothing many occur to mar the enjoyment of her stay amongst us.

THE NATIONAL SANITARIUM FUND.

All must feel a sense of pride at the result of the campaign for \$1,000,000 for the National Sanitarium Association for the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis.

The large sum aimed at has been attained. A number of very generous gifts were turned over to the committee. The largest personal gift was from Lord Strathcona, who gave \$100,000. The city of Toronto voted \$200,000.

This large sum will enable the association to go ahead with renewed energy, and great things may be expected.

TORONTO HOSPITALS.

For some time past there has been a good deal of agitation over the proposal to close up the old General Hospital. A number of fraternal societies have been active in demanding a municipal hospital.

But this would lead to a number of new conditions, some of which would not be desirable. In the first place, the city would have to advance a large amount of money at once to purchase the old General and the grounds. Then the annual maintenance would prove a serious question.

The question of most importance, however, would be the effect of such a movement on clinical teaching. If the city owned a hospital, the demand would be made that doctors be allowed to attend their own patients, however poor these might be.

Patients sent into the municipal hospital would be attended by the practitioner who sent them into the hospital. This would have the effect of hampering clinical teaching very seriously, as many cases that should be used for such purposes would pass beyond the control and care of those engaged in instructing the students. This should be very fully considered before the Council does anything that would impair Toronto as a medical educational centre.