

Editorials.

TORONTO FREE HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTIVE POOR.

Dr. Charles Sheard, Medical Health Officer of Toronto, at the request of the Mayor and Board of Control, made an inspection of the Toronto Free Hospital for Consumptive Poor. He says that it is at present the only available institution which affords extensive accommodation for the consumptive poor of the City of Toronto. The Association in charge of the Hospital purchased forty acres of land near Weston upon which some new buildings have been erected, and others are in contemplation. There are in this Hospital at present thirty patients who have been sent in on city orders issued by Dr. Sheard. Most of these are bed-ridden consumptives, who have been refused admittance to other hospitals. Dr. Sheard goes on to state, that prior to the opening of this Hospital in September last, the situation regarding the care of consumptives in Toronto was somewhat acute, but such condition has been in great part removed by the accommodation afforded by the Weston Sanatorium. The expenses in connection with the maintenance of this institution are heavy, but the Hospital is being excellently worked and deserves liberal encouragement.

Mr. H. C. Hammond, the treasurer, has issued a circular in which he explains to some extent the position of matters. The City of Toronto contributes the usual 50 cents per diem for all patients sent in by the Medical Health Officer, and the Controllers have also made a grant of \$2,000. The moneys thus acquired, however, pay only in a small part the full cost of maintenance. For a few of the patients their friends pay small amounts, but none are paying sufficient for full maintenance. The authorities have to depend chiefly upon the good-will and generosity of the people of Toronto to keep the doors of the Hospital open, and make it possible for them to further increase the accommodation. This work has been undertaken by the trustees with confidence that their fellow-citizens will co-operate with them in their endeavor to care for the consumptive poor of Toronto.