

therefore, to defer building for the present, especially as several offers were made of more eligible properties.

In June, 1865, the Hon. George Sherwood offered two lots of land\* on condition that a handsome building be placed thereon, but the terms precluded the acceptance of the offer.

In Aug., 1865, Hamilton Bros., of Hawkesbury, made an offer to exchange the lots on Sussex Street for six lots on "Besserer Hill." This property was probably that now occupied by Stadacona Hall, or immediately west of that. Mr. Noel and Mr. Geo. Hay examined these lots and reported that they "found them very pleasantly situated, but rather too far from the centre."

Some proposed building on hospital lots, east end of Rideau Street. There appears to have been a great deal of land running to waste around the hospital, which could have been procured on very low terms. The directors of that institution may congratulate themselves that it was not taken up at that time, as it was all needed at a later date for the present fine hospital buildings.

No satisfactory decision as to site could be arrived at. It was therefore thought advisable, both by the Board and the Advisory Committee, that, rather than delay the opening of a home any longer, a house should be rented for the purpose, so as to enable the Corporation to commence operations at once, and at the same time give ample opportunity for the consideration of the whole question of the site and the building.

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\* These lots must have been west of Concession Street and south of Lisgar.