

INSPECTION.

I visited the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, on the 18th March. The patients numbered 29, 11 males and 18 females. All the apartments of the Hospital were visited and found to be in good order, and every effort appeared to be made for securing the comfort and well-being of the youthful sufferers. From the number of applications which have to be deferred from time to time, it is evident that the accommodation the Hospital affords is utilized to its fullest extent. A reference to the register of applications showed that on the day of my visit there were nine applications in excess of the number of beds. This state of things has existed for some time past, and has rendered necessary the selecting of the most urgent cases for admission as vacancies occur.

The Hospital was again visited by me on the 7th September, when I found that the larger number of the patients were still residing at the Lakeside Home, there being only 8 males and 4 females in the Hospital. These appeared to be receiving every care and attention, the most modern appliances for their comfort and treatment being employed. The books of record were in good order and well kept.

I was gratified to learn that plans and specifications have been prepared for the erection of a new and more commodious Hospital, and the question of a suitable site only remains to be determined upon before proceeding with the building. The new structure will be fitted with all modern appliances, and I understand a considerable part of the amount required for its erection is already provided.

I instructed Mr. Hayes to make the inspection of the Lakeside Branch of the Children's Hospital. A copy of the report he submitted to me is annexed:—

"As directed by you I made a visit to the Lakeside Branch of the Hospital for Sick Children on the 11th September. The register shewed that since the opening of the Branch for the season on the 9th June, 102 children have been admitted, 48 have been discharged, and one has died, leaving 53 (19 males, 34 females) in the house on the day of my visit. They were all seen. The majority were on the verandahs or the sands amusing themselves, and the beds of many of the more helpless ones were also on the verandahs, so that they, too, could enjoy the fresh air.

"In the early part of the year, a new wing was added to the building; the money therefor being supplied by Mr. John Ross Robertson, through whose generosity the main building was also erected. The accommodation of the building is thus nearly doubled.

"I went out to the building in which the laundry and closets are. It is evident that the drainage of this building is not good, and, indeed, considering the nature of the site, I do not see how it could be otherwise. The Managers should give this matter their most careful attention. As regards the closets, the difficulty could perhaps be got over by the use of proper earth closets.

"The house was very clean, and every care seemed to be taken of the inmates."