

## CANADA

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### ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL.

The corporation having granted unconditionally the site, we know of no obstacle remaining to prevent the early consummation of this magnificent scheme. At the last annual meeting of the Governors of the Montreal General Hospital held a few days ago, the Secretary in his report hinted that something in the shape of an amalgamation between the two institutions would be desirable. The idea is a good one, although we see many difficulties in the way if Sir Donald and Sir George adhere to their original plan of naming their own trustees. But they may prefer to remain independent, as the interest that will accrue from their endowment fund will be ample for the support of one hundred and fifty beds. We hope soon to be in a position to give our readers more definite information regarding this princely undertaking.

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### RECTAL ETHERIZATION.

We think we are justified in stating that this method of producing anæsthesia has been fairly tried and found wanting. It appears never to have been in much favor among English and Continental surgeons, and even the Americans of late have seldom referred to it. It looked at one time as though there might be a great future for it in the surgery of the head and neck but the expectations of the most sanguine have not been realized. It may be that the apparatus has been at fault or the cases have not been selected with sufficient care, looking to the condition of the intestine the want of success of this process is altogether to be very much regretted, as at the time of its intro-