

The operation was performed in St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minn., on the eleventh of March. The reports state up to the present he is doing well. Since Dr. Roche entered the present Federal Cabinet he has engratiated himself into the esteem of the medical profession because of the keen and sympathetic interest he has taken in all questions of a medical character that have come before the Dominion House. We hope his health will soon be perfectly restored.

A PROPOSED NEW HOSPITAL IN TORONTO.

A numbr of medical practitioners in Toronto are agitating for a new hospital in the west end of the city. What do they hope to gain by this movement?

In the first place doctors are now permitted to send their patients into the existing hospitals and attend these if they pay their own way. This is all that could be secured in any new hospital.

Then the cost of a new hospital must be considered. It is not an easy matter to secure a site of at least two acres in a suitable place. Then buildings are required. Hospitals must be properly built and it has been found that this cannot be done for less than \$1,000 per head. A small hospital for 50 patients would, therefore, cost \$50,000. To this must be added the site, and a suitable home for the nurses. These two things would cost another \$50,000 at the very lowest estimate.

But another serious question arises. How are these doctors going to secure recognition from the city and the government, and without these the hospital would only be a private concern. The matter of medical education comes in for consideration, and it is not likely that the government is going to make its grant to any hospital that does not open its wards to medical teaching, and this would be quite impracticable in the case of a hospital in the far out western part of the city.

If the doctors cannot secure the government grant, they would be compelled to charge at least \$10 per week for the maintenance of patients in the cheapest wards. This would be no gain to the doctors, as they can now secure accomodation at \$7 per week in hospitals already in operation, and no trouble about management.

Then, again, the city might possibly make further grants to hospitals already in existence; but would not at all be likely to do so to a new venture, where there would be all chances of failure, as compared with those already well established.

It must be borne in mind that the public has benn thoroughly can-