

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

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The Directors of the Eye and Ear Infirmary in presenting their tenth annual report are pleased to be able to say that during the year they were fortunate in being able to secure premises better adapted to the wants of the Institution than those hitherto occupied by them. For four or five years they have been desirous of securing premises suitable to their wants, but until quite recently they failed to find a building that could be rented that would be at all suitable for infirmary purposes. They were anxious to secure a building especially constructed for the requirements of the Institution, not far from the centre of the city, and easy of access both for the patients and the surgeons. They found, however, that this object could be attained only by purchasing a lot and erecting an Infirmary thereon; but as the Institution was more provincial than local in its operation, over three-fourths of the intern patients being non resident of Toronto, the directors did not consider it right to ask the citizens to subscribe for the erection of an Institution almost exclusively provincial. The Directors, therefore, proposed to the Ontario Government to raise by subscription one-half of the amount necessary if the Government would contribute the other half. This proposition was made to the Government four years ago and repeated once or twice since. The only reply received was that as no grant to the building fund of any charitable institution had ever been made by the Ontario Government, the authorities could not establish a precedent however much they might sympathize with the object and aims of the Institution. About six months ago it was intimated to the senior Surgeon that the Trustees of the General Hospital had petitioned the Government for a grant to enable them to build an Eye and Ear Infirmary in connection with the Hospital, and Mr. Langmuir, the Inspector of Asylums reported to the Government that inasmuch as the managers of the Eye and Ear Infirmary had not as yet secured a proper building for such an Institution, he would recommend a grant to the Trustees of the General Hospital for that purpose.