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EARL GREY TO DEDICATE

NEW GENERAL HOSPITAL

Impressive Ceremonials Take Place To-Day-Sketch of Hospital's Career.

The laying, at 11 a.m. to-day, of the

cornerstone of the new Toronto Genral Hospital, on College-street, will be an important event in its career. His Excellency Earl Grey will officiate, and addresses will also be made by Lt.-Gov. Gibson, Mayor Geary, President, Falconer, Bishop Sweeny, Rev. Dr. Car-

man and others. From a struggling institution that had to be closed in 1863, because of creditors' judgments against it, to a colossal temple of healing, that will

colossal temple of healing, that will cost, when completed, nearly two mil-lion dollars, and will cover over, ten acres, is a contrast that strikingly shows the progress of the Toronto General Hospital. Began in 1822. The hospital was first established in 1822, at the corner of King and John-streets, and in 1858 it was transferred to Gerrard-street, where the long grey

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block now stands. Isolation hospitals were unknown in those days, and the treatment of small-pox and diphtheris cases in the Gen-eral Hospital made its location down town on King-street undestrable. From its neighborly proximity to such build-ings as old Upper Canada College and the old parliament buildings it was re-moved to its present site; a spot that was considered in 1853 as the extreme eastern pert of the city. Some Dark History. Financial difficulties beset the insti-tution and in 1863, with judgments against the board of management, it closed, but with the city council's aid

against the board of management, it closed, but with the city council's and it was re-opened next year. In 1877 the west wing was constructed, and later came the Andrew Mercer Eye and Ear Infirmary. In 1878 the Burn-side Hospital was added, and in 1881 the training school for nurses was es-tablished

the training school for nurses was es-tablished. New Site Decided On. When J. W. Flavelle became chair-man of the board, in 1904, new build-ings were considered, and Cawthra Mulock, who had succeeded P. C. Lar-kin on the board, offered to contribute

100,000 for an out-door department. Consideration showed the advisability of getting a new site, and the one on

or getting a new site, and the one on College-street was chosen. The block bounded by College-street. Elizabeth-street, Hayter-street, Chris-topher-street and University-avenue cost \$700,000 before the purchase was completed. A college building—that of the dental surgeons—was demolished, at a cost of \$100,000, to make way for the hospital.

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