

THE LAURENTIAN SANATORIUM.

The desirability has for years been felt of having a Sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis, erected on some of the mountainous ranges of the Laurentides, north of Montreal. This desire was the outcome of two factors, viz., belief in the special value of our northern atmosphere—rich in ozone and largely impregnated with the odor of the pines; the other was the antipathy of patients to being sent far away, so that for friends to visit them, except at long intervals and much expense, was practically impossible.

Dr. A. J. Richer, lecturer on Hygiene in the Medical Faculty of Bishop's College, devoted much of the two years he spent in Europe in investigating tuberculosis, and on his return to Canada, a few years ago, he recognized the necessity which existed for a Sanatorium, near Montreal, and of easy access. In Dr. H. A. Lafleur, Associate Professor of Medicine in McGill University, and Dr. Robert Wilson, Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the University of Bishop's College, he found two gentlemen deeply interested in the scheme which was near his heart. After succeeding in getting a few friends to assist in raising the required capital, the medical committee or directors, if we may so call them, looked around for the best site. After full consideration a property was acquired at St. Agathe, in the Laurentides, sixty-four miles from Montreal, on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railroad. It is situated about three-quarters of a mile from the village and a good mile from a very beautiful lake. The site selected for the erection of the Sanatorium was half way up Mount Calvary, and about sixteen hundred feet above sea-level. On Thanksgiving Day, 1898 (November 25), the foundation stone was laid by Dr. F. W. Campbell, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of Bishop's College, in the presence of a number of friends who went from Montreal to give encouragement to those engaged in the undertaking. During the winter and spring the building operations were continued, and a few weeks ago it was open to receive patients, several of whom are now within its walls. The official opening, however, took place on the 13th July,