

VOLUNTEER MEDICAL OFFICERS.

The following general order appears in the *Canada Gazette* of the 27th of March :

HEAD QUARTERS,

Ottawa, 24th March, 1880.

GENERAL ORDERS (6).

No. 1.

Retired Rank to Surgeons.

Under provision of an order of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, dated 12th March instant, Surgeons who have served consecutively during fifteen years as Assistant Surgeon or Surgeon in any Corps of Active Militia, the last five years being in the rank of Surgeon, may be placed on the Retired List with the rank of Surgeon; and to those who after twenty years service as Assistant Surgeon or Surgeon in any Corps of Active Militia, of which the last ten years have been in the rank of Surgeon, the rank of Surgeon Major on the Retired List may be granted.

We do not believe that this order will prove satisfactory, as to obtain the rank of Surgeon Major you not only have to serve twenty years but you must likewise resign. The time is too long, and the necessity of resignation to obtain it is, to say the least, not fair and reasonable. We have so fully and so recently expressed our views on this matter that we will not now repeat them, beyond saying that the sooner the Militia authorities concede the demands which we made on behalf of Medical Militia officers, the sooner will contentment reign among them. They only ask what is granted to their fellow practitioners in the British Army. Surely that is not an unreasonable request. We have reason to believe that the Minister of Militia and his subordinates have the interest of the force at heart, and are anxious to do what they can. This is, however, a professional matter, and no one but a professional man, and he a member of the Volunteer force, can thoroughly understand it.

LAVAL UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL.

We have been informed upon good authority that Laval University has secured the old Donegani Hotel in Notre Dame street as an Hospi-

tal for its Medical Faculty. The necessary alterations have been commenced, and it is hoped that in less than three months it will be ready for occupancy. Few buildings in the city can be so readily transformed into a Hospital, of really excellent accommodation, and its situation must attract considerable surgical material. It is within five minutes walk of the berths of three large steamship lines, while seldom less than a dozen other steamships are berthed within easy distance of it. It will thus come in for its share of accidents. It is said that the Seminary of Montreal have guaranteed the rent, and that the nursing will be done by the Sisters of one of the Convents, on condition of their getting the money from private patients.

THE WOMAN'S HOSPITAL OF MONTREAL.

The first building of the Western Hospital being completed, and ready for occupancy, and the Corporation of the Western Hospital not seeing the way to open it as a General Hospital, it has been leased to the Women's Hospital of Montreal. This Institution has during the last seven years been in operation at 51 St. Antoine street, principally as a Lying-in Hospital in connection with the Medical Faculty of Bishop's College, although now and then its beds have been occupied with patients suffering from diseases peculiar to women. It also has had a very considerable out-door clinic on female diseases. It is now proposed to extend the operations of the Institution, and this large and beautiful building having been secured, a committee of influential gentlemen has been organised, who will assist in its management. It is proposed to have about twenty lying-in beds, and ten beds for female diseases. There will be eight private wards, at the disposal of any physician in the city of Montreal, a boon which we believe will be appreciated by them. The situation of the institution is most beautiful, being on the outskirts of the city, and its sanitary position is all that could be desired. We believe it will grow in importance, and that in a very few years Montreal will be able to boast of possessing a Woman's Hospital which will do it no discredit.