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THE NEW GENERAL HOSPITAL, TORONTO.

This great work has reached its completion. The following facts tell what has been accomplished and what is yet to be done:

Cost, \$3,500,000. First estimated cost, \$1,250,000, estimated in 1904.

Cost of site, \$612,615.

Time of construction, 31 months. Work commenced November, 1910. Official sod-turning, April --, 1911.

Number of beds, 670, this being 300 more than the old hospital. Public Ward patients' accommodation, 520. Private Ward patients' accommodation, 150.

Contributions, city, \$610,000; University of Toronto, \$600,000; private citizens, \$1,400,000. Funds unprovided, \$750,000. To offset this, old hospital site on Gerrard Street, valued around a quarter of a million.

Nurses' and doctors' accommodation, 176 nurses and 26 resident doctors. Other employees, 200.

Number of buildings, 11.

Space covered by site, nine acres.

As the Board of Trustees advanced with the scheme, the first ideas gradually gave way to those of a much larger and grander conception. More land was secured and more and larger buildings were planned.

Of the larger donors we may mention: Hon. G. A. Cox, \$100,000; the Massey Estate, \$100,000; Mr. Cawthra Mulock, \$100,000; Mr. J. C. Eaton, about \$300,000, and Miss Shields, about \$100,000.

The wards are large, airy, well lighted and most attractive in every way. The floors are concrete, on which is laid a thick linoleum. This is soft to the feet, and avoids the cold effect of some hard compositions that are in use in some hospitals.

The system of ventilation is as perfect as can be made. There are many verandahs, and the institution is well supplied with roof gardens.