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THE ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL.

Montreal's latest addition to her magnificent buildings is the Royal Victoria Hospital, donated by two of her millionaire citizens Lord Mount-Stephen and Sir Donald Smith. Although the money was given in 1887 to commemorate the jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, the greatness of the work prevented its completion until towards the close of last year. The opening ceremonies were held on the 2nd of December last when the building was declared open, by his Excellency the Governor General of Canada, Lord Aberdeen. The building was erected from designs by Mr. H. Saxon Snell, of London, England, in the best Scottish Baronial style. Situated as it is at the foot, or rather on the slope, of lovely Mount Royal, and overlooking the city and the grand St. Lawrence River, it seems destined

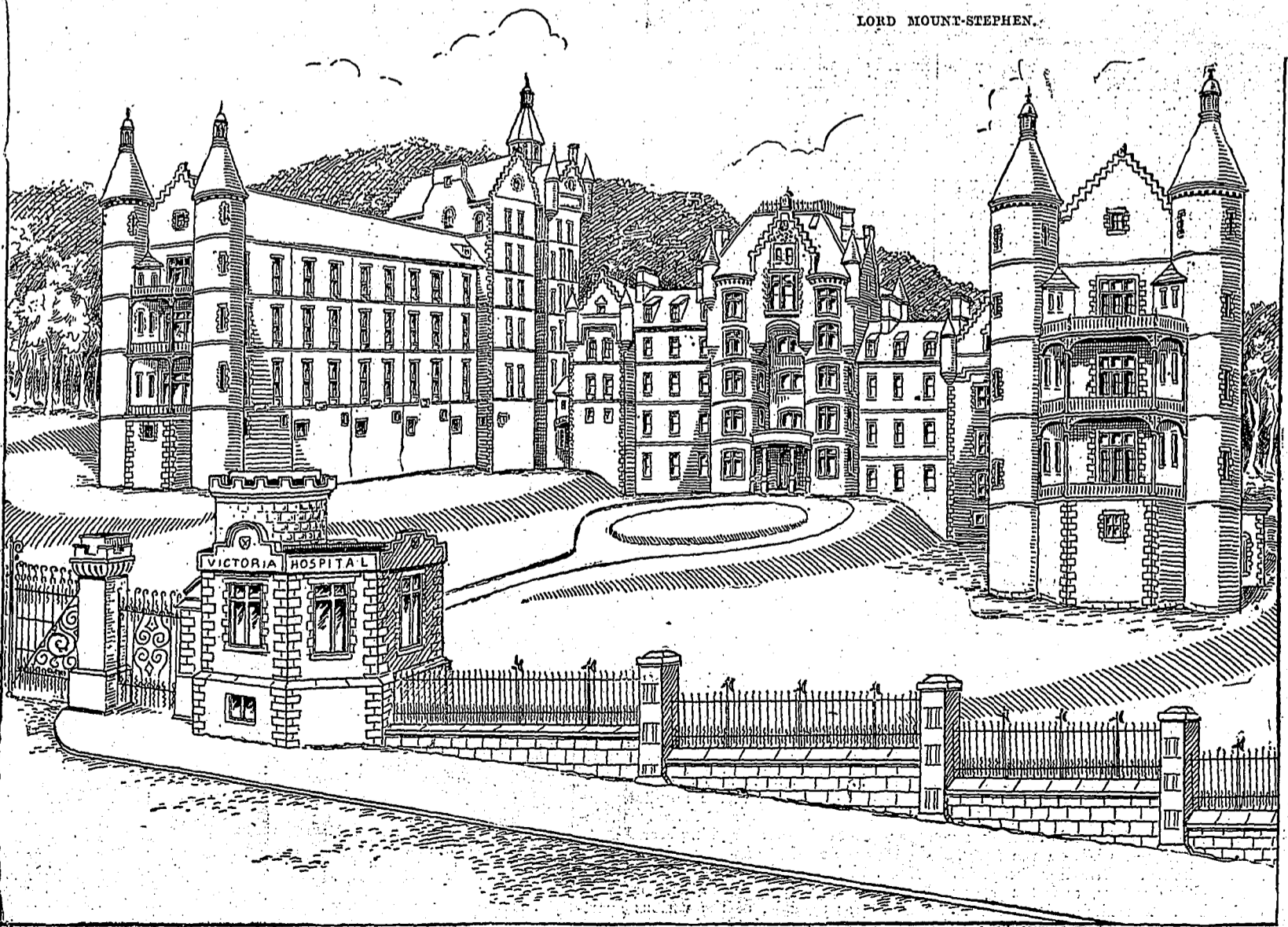
fully to carry out the intentions of its founders—the reception and treatment of sick and injured persons of all races and creeds without distinction. The founders, Sir Donald A. Smith and Lord Mount-Stephen, formerly Sir George Stephen, are both well known in Montreal, and, indeed, over the North American Continent, for their hard work and generous donations for the benefit of humanity. Perhaps the fact that both are Scotchmen had something to do with the architect's selecting the

Baronial as the style of architecture. In 1887, the jubilee year of Queen Victoria, the two founders made known their intention of having this institution erected, and intimated that they would each give \$500,000 towards its foundation. The city offered a site on the mountain-side, but this not being considered altogether suitable, and the founders, perhaps, not desiring that others should participate in their benefaction, the present site was purchased by them from the Frothingham estate for \$86,000.

The buildings and grounds cover an area of twenty-three acres. For the walls, Montreal gray limestone has been used. Contracts were signed on June 18, 1890, and work was begun two days later. The building was practically completed in June, 1892, but it was then decided to make certain additions, which were not finished



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