



New Ottawa Civic Hospital

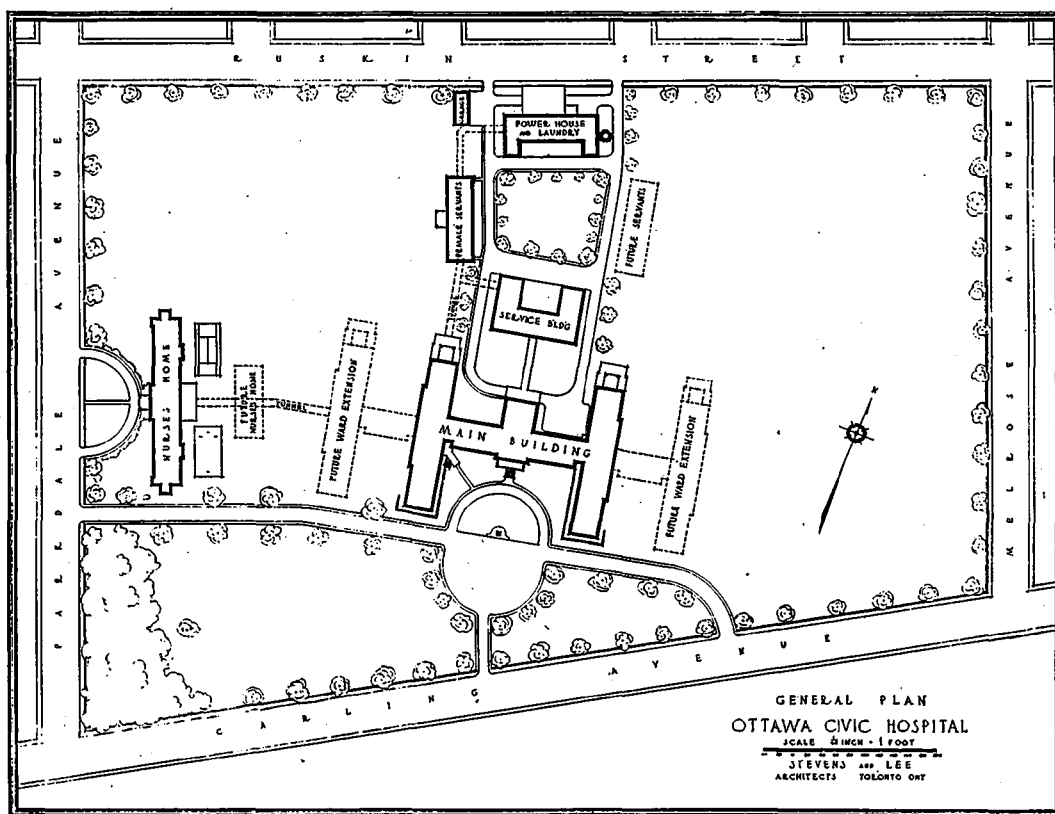
THE amalgamation of a number of smaller hospitals in one city and the pooling of interests, as it were, and then building one institution of sufficient size, enlarged equipment, and added facilities for research and diagnostic purposes, are noticeable in Canada's latest large hospital. The Protestant, General, St. Luke's, and the Maternity Hospitals of Ottawa have so gotten together, with the result that a larger and more comprehensive institution is now in process of construction, which is to be known as the Ottawa Civic Hospital.

After the appointment of the architects, much time and care were given to the selection of a

point—economy of construction, economy of maintenance, and conservation of human energy—a multi-storied building, housing five hundred patients (the number to be accommodated) was determined upon, with separate buildings for nurses' residence, kitchens, laundry, heating plant, and the housing of domestics.

The main Patients' Building is designed in the form of an "H," with the open courts facing north and south. The service portion is located at the crossing of the main corridors, making three distinct units on each floor.

The administrative offices, instead of being located in a separate building, are placed on the



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proper site. One location after another was considered, only to be rejected for one good reason or another; for it was necessary to have enough available land for the future growth of the institution and, at the same time, to have a location which would be available to the medical men as well as to patients and their friends. A site about two miles from the centre of the city, upon the highest land in Ottawa, was finally determined upon. On the south this faces the Dominion Experimental Farm, and on the north has an extended outlook to the Laurentian Mountains in the distance. This site, bought for the purpose of the Hospital, consists of about twenty-four acres of fairly level land, with natural drainage towards the north.

After careful consideration from every stand-

first floor of the connecting pavilion and are approached by a drive from Carling avenue. From this first floor level, the dining and other rooms in the Service Building are reached by a connecting corridor which extends over the ambulance entrance, this ambulance entrance being at the ground floor level at the north.

The Out-Patients' Department, with entrance from the front court, is located on the ground floor, and consists of the various sections for surgical and medical treatment. On this floor are located also the X-ray department, the isolation and psychiatric departments, and, at the centre, the admitting department for all patients. This department is reached through an enclosed porte-cochere, and consists of admitting rooms for male and female and a special