

Below the town there is a tannery. From this there is also much impurity thrown into the stream. These things should not be.

The health commission of the United States sometime ago made the statement that the people of that country are worth from four to five times as much as all the material sources of wealth in it. In dollars and cents the people count for something.

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#### MR. J. C. EATON'S SPLENDID EXAMPLE.

Mr. J. C. Eaton is the President of the T. Eaton Company. It is well known that he enjoys a large income from his connection with the business, but large incomes do not always make men generous.

We are glad to be able to record the fact that Mr. J. C. Eaton has given the magnificent sum of \$250,000—a quarter of a million! He has given his money in a good cause.

The new General Hospital is to contain about 440 public ward beds and about 100 private and semi-private wards. This gift will enable the trustees to go ahead with the building at an early date. Mr. Eaton's gift is for the surgical wing, which is to contain 130 beds. There will also be fully equipped operating rooms.

The whole hospital situation of Toronto is rapidly improving. It is a notorious fact that the hospitals of Toronto are about the poorest things in any great city in the world. But better days are at hand. The wealthy have been touched as never before, and the public, represented by the city and the government, has given freely.

Apart from the New General, the other hospitals in Toronto are busy gathering money and building. The day is at hand when patients will be housed in a way that is both sanitary and safe. The city will soon have seen the end of the fire trap.

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#### THE TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL EX-HOUSE STAFF BANQUET.

The ex-house officers of the Toronto General Hospital, of which there are now nearly three hundred, will hold their Annual Banquet at the King Edward Hotel, on Easter Monday evening. Dr. Roland Hill, of St. Louis, will deliver the scientific address, following which the usual toasts will be drunk.

It is expected that the first presentation of the gold headed cane will take place. This has been awarded to Dr. Thos. Cullen, of Baltimore, who was considered to have made the best contribution of any ex-house officer to medical literature last year.