

In 1889, by 52 Vic., c. 24, the time for friends, &c., to claim a body was reduced to 24 hours—and these are now the provisions of the law. See R. S. O. (1897), c. 177.

The first dissecting room in Toronto seems to have been built in 1843 or 1844 for the Medical Faculty of King's College—and that Faculty first occupied a frame building on the north or west of the west wing of the College building.

HOSPITALS.

There was certainly a Military Hospital at Kingston from the time the British first took possession of that part of Canada. I do not find any record of a hospital in Toronto until about 1812, although no doubt one did exist—in 1819 an advertisement appeared in the official Upper Canada Gazette asking for tenders to build a Brick Hospital in the Town of York—it was erected soon after and acquired some note, the building being occupied for several sessions by the Legislature after the fire of 1824 had destroyed the Parliament Buildings.

In 1830 an Act was passed authorizing a grant of £100 to this Hospital.

In 1830 a public meeting was held at Kingston to build a public hospital, while in 1832 the Medical Board of Upper Canada speaks highly of the Hospital at York (Toronto), and the opportunity it affords medical students of observing diseases and their treatment. In this year the York Dispensary was established, but died in a year for lack of funds.

In 1844 the Board of Trustees of the Toronto Hospital offered the whole of the upper flat of the Hospital to the Medical Faculty of the University, but the terms could not be agreed upon. It then had a whole block of land bounded by King, Adelaide, John and Peter Streets.

By 1850 there were in Toronto not only the Toronto General Hospital, but also the Toronto Eye Infirmary (S. E. corner of Church and King Streets), the Toronto General Dispensary and Lying-in Hospital (established in 1848) and two other Maternity Hospitals.

Ever since the times I have been writing about, the Toronto and Kingston General Hospitals have been utilized by the teachers in the Medical Colleges for clinical instruction. So also in London for the Western University Medical Faculty.