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THE Royal Victoria Hospital is about to be opened for the fulfilment of its mission in the city. A grand institution, and with all its appointments of the latest and most approved, everything in keeping with the most advanced opinions current in the medical and surgical world and the establishment will doubtless prove a great boon to thousands of our population in the future. There is a good deal of feeling current amongst our French-Canadian fellow-citizens in regard to the arrangement for the management of the institution. A French contemporary claims that :

1st. The gift is one from Lord Mount Stephen and Sir Donald A. Smith to the City of Montréal

2nd. The land was given by the City of Montreal.

3rd. The City of Montreal has, say, two-thirds French and one-third of an English-speaking population.

4th. The donors of the land, money, building and endowment have never publicly stated that it was to be a sectarian institution, and such was not the intention presumably.

The question is further discussed and the statement made that the hospital management and staff, from the highest to the lowest, is and will be sectarian in every sense of the word—English, McGill, Protestant, and exclusive.

The donors of this grand gift to the city ought certainly to have som thing to say. It would seem reasonable to anticipate that they will in the end see that all sections of our poplnation are equitably and satisfactorily treated.

A race and religion cry over Royal Victoria will surely greatly affect its usefulness to the community at large.

WE reproduce a letter which appeared some time ago in the local (Prince Edward Island) papers. This letter is written for one purpose, *i. e.*, to discredit Wired brandy, and further, its intention is to assist a Montreal liquor house towards selling more of their wares. In regard to Wired brandy, we understand that this same house, when they found that a certain brand was playing sad havoc with their bottled brandy trade, they started the story that the celebrated brand (Faustin) in question was spurious, and that the agents—one of the most favorably known wholesale druggists in Canada—would be prosecuted for selling the article by the Inland Revenue Department. The Wired brandy in question, the celebrated "Faustin" brand, was by the selling agents submitted to the department and to their analysts, and was pronounced genuine and a fully satisfactory article. The "crying down" of Wired brandy has done harm, but not sufficient to satisfy those in competition and who, after failing to fully succeed in their object, have, strange to say, taken up another brand of *Wired brandy*. Business men unusually resort to such methods to enable them to do or to hold business. This letter attacks the character of druggists in the wild effort to get their business away from its legitimate channels. Some liquids in bottles are good and some are bad. Some Wired brandy is good and some is inferior. Every