

away, and when its opponents thought they had smothered its birth, it suddenly came before the public with the report and the subscription list, both of which we publish below. On the 29th of December last, a meeting of the Governors and Subscribers was held in the Mechanics Hall, Major H. Mills the President of the Corporation in the chair. Dr. Wilkins having been appointed on the out-door staff of the Montreal General Hospital, and having resigned his position of Secretary Mr. James Coristine was elected in his stead. Mr. Coristine read the report of the Committee appointed to secure a site for the hospital, which is as follows:

"Messrs. William Workman and James Coristine, in pursuance of the resolution appointing them a committee to purchase a site for the Western Hospital, waited on Mr. O. W. Stanton, land agent, and acquired by purchase the block of land forming the north-east corner of Dorchester street and Atwater avenue, with a surface of 79,436 square feet, for the sum of \$30,300, an abatement of \$200 on the original price.

The conditions of payment: \$5,300 cash on passing the deed, \$7,000 one year later, and the balance of \$18,000 in five years, interest payable half yearly, 7 per cent., the vendor Robert Hamilton, Esq., of Quebec, agreeing in the sale to restrict the hypothecque to a fixed sum per superficial foot, 40 cents on the portion fronting on Atwater avenue and Dorchester street, and extending back 120 feet; on the remainder 20 cents per superficial foot.

During the absence from Montreal of Mr. Coristine, the deed was presented by the vendor for completion to Mr. Workman, who generously advanced the first instalment of \$5,300, besides the smaller necessary disbursements, and has since held the land in trust for our Corporation.

The site is peculiarly adapted for the purpose; a somewhat irregular square block of land in a most salubrious position, bounded on the south by Dorchester street; on the east by a street 60 feet wide; on the west by Atwater avenue, 100 feet wide, and on the north by a new park from which it is separated only by a street.

The aspect towards the mountain will be unobstructed and unbroken in the future, as it is now which is believed to be equivalent to a site of three fold the surface of our property on a less favoured spot, as we enjoy without cost a large open space, which has lately been laid out and planted with trees, and in a short time will be very attractive.

Atwater avenue, 100 feet wide, which forms the

western boundary, extends in a straight line to the river, piercing the future manufacturing centre of Montreal, is close of access to the canal, railway yards and workshops, where occur the largest percentage of accidents (mostly fractures and wounds) treated in our Hospitals. Owing to the avenue being in a direct line, the distance to the manufacturing centre is inconsiderable, an important feature, as prompt treatment, owing to the short distance, will often save patients much suffering. The approach for the greater number of patients will be over that highway when completed, which will rise with a gradual incline from the lower level of St. Antoine street, passing under Dorchester street, till the higher level is reached beyond.

The facilities for drainage are exceptionally excellent, as the large main sewer for the high levels of the western part of the city is by way of Atwater avenue, dipping with a considerable decline from the high ground of Dorchester street to the lower plateau, providing an exemption from the poisonous gases generated by stagnant sewerage. The land acquired is ample for the erection of six model pavillion hospitals or hospital wings, self-contained, with accommodation for three hundred patients. The wings would vary from 80 to 100 feet in length by a width of about 40 feet, three stories, including Mansard roof, ceilings high, to allow plenty of breathing space; each wing well lighted with windows on the four sides, the buildings at least 75 feet apart, in order that pure air and sunshine shall reach every part.

The hospital will be a great amelioration for reasons stated, and will meet a want daily becoming more urgent on account of the rapid growth of the city, particularly westward.

Thirty years ago, with a population of less than 40,000, this city had two General Hospitals; with a present population of 130,000, we have but two, one of which has been rebuilt on a larger scale and fine site; the other occupies the original site, somewhat enlarged, but scarcely modernised, notwithstanding which it is fearfully overcrowded, which prevents a proper separation of diseases, and has occasionally resulted in the death of persons visiting it for the treatment of trifling ailment by contracting fatal contagion.

T. M. Taylor, Esq., in moving the adoption of the report, referred to the great work done by that noble charity, the Montreal General Hospital, which, though venerable in years, was still as vigorous as ever, and capable of doing still a noble work in the