

# 10 Years from Now

The problem already had been receiving public attention.

In 1854 the Upper Canada legislature voted \$80,000 for establishment of a school for the deaf and blind.

Political uncertainties delayed any action however, and it was not until a new pattern of government emerged with confederation, that definite

interest was renewed.

In 1869, the Legislature finally confirmed its decision to build the centre — choosing Belleville despite pressure from Toronto politicians.

The school was opened Oct. 20, 1870, the public pomp of the occasion drawing on the presence of the lieutenant-governor and Ontario Premier John Sanfield Macdonald.

The original site has undergone many changes since that time.

But, for the centennial, school authorities are hopeful to recapture something of the grandness of that first day.

"We hope," says Mr. De-meza, "to make it as big and eventful an occasion as possible."



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