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GRATEFUL PEOPLE SHOW APPRECIATION OF THE MUNIFICENCE OF JAMES ROSS

The gathering of citizens in the Academy of Music on Thursday afternoon to participate in the proceedings in connection with the opening of the Nurses' Home was a tribute of a grateful people to one who has proven a benefactor in the truest sense of the word. Eight years ago Mr. Jas. Ross presented the people of this town and county with an hospital and since that time the heartfelt gratitude of those who can directly testify to the blessings of such an institution has gone out to the great philanthropist, who has made such a princely gift by handing over that magnificent pile, "The Annie Ross Nurses' Home," which is but another pillar to a what will always be a monument to his unbounded generosity.

THOSE ON PLATFORM.
It was about 2.30 o'clock when the town's honored guests, Mr. and Mrs. James Ross and party entered the Academy of Music. The stage had been artistically decorated with flags, bunting and floral bloom, and as the party took their seats they were greeted with applause. Mr. J. D. Flavelle, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Ross Memorial hospital, occupied the chair, and seated on the platform were Mr. and Mrs. James Ross, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. L. Ross, of Montreal; Lady MacKenzie, Toronto; Mrs. Warren, Lorne Park, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Black Lindsay; Mrs. J. G. Edwards, President of Ladies' Auxiliary Board of Ross Memorial Hospital; Mr. J. R. McNeillie, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Governors, Mr. Thos. Stewart, member of the Board of Governors, Mr. Herman Watson, the celebrated artist, Guelph; Mr. W. A. Rundle, chairman Finance Committee of Toronto General Hospital; Mr. Wm. Flavelle, Mr. C. D. Barr, County Registrar, Drs. McAlpine, Simpson, Wood and others.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.
Mr. J. D. Flavelle, in his opening remarks, said he fully appreciated the fact that the first essentials of a chairman's address was brevity. He desired, however, to crave a little indulgence on their time to say a few words. Eight years ago it was his privilege to be present at a gathering of similar importance—to receive from the hands of Mr. Ross the Hospital which has proven of such a benefit to the community. There was some doubt existing at that time as to whether the institution could be maintained successfully. The first three years of its existence were strenuous ones, but Mr. Flavelle felt confident that Mr. Ross was assured that to-day it is not only satisfactory, but that it has more than measured up to expectations.

Mr. Flavelle here enumerated the different causes that led to its success. It had been liberally treated by the town and county Councils. It had received invaluable aid from the Ladies Auxiliary Board—an institution of which he could not speak too highly. It also had the full sympathy of the medical staff. The most important factor contributing to its success was that the Board of Governors was fortunate in having secured the services of the present Lady Superintendent. The tact, good sense, and uniform kindness and courtesy she has displayed has won the respect and esteem of all, and her relations with the members of the medical staff has been free from any friction which, in itself, is a high testimonial to her worth.

Mr. Flavelle, continuing, said the patients were a unit in spreading the benefits of the hospital and in sounding the praises of the Lady Superintendent. The number of patients treated from year to year during the past eight years has been as follows: First year 140; second year 176; third year 128, fourth year 238, fifth year 262, sixth year 232, seventh year 243, eighth year 204—a total of 1731 patients treated. There was every reason to believe that the present year would exceed any past one.

The Board of Governors had been forced to use the Board room for patients, and when Mr. Ross became cognizant of this fact, he at once took steps to build a Nurses' Home. It was impossible to appreciate what this home meant to the staff of the hospital. They had a place now for relaxation and rest after their arduous duties, and room had also been made for six or eight more beds in the hospital.

Mr. Jas. Ross, the generous donor, was a leading price of industry. He led a strenuous life and stood out in the forefront as one of Canada's best citizens. He had devoted time and money in aiding hospitals, and in the support of art. Instead of curtailing his interests as he grew older, he

has actually extended them, and is to-day doing more than ever to uphold our citizenship. While Canadians felt proud of such a man, the people of Lindsay had a double reason for doing so. Mr. Flavelle said if he was an orator he might, perhaps, be able to pay a fitting tribute to Mr. and Mrs. James Ross, Mr. J. K. L. Ross and his estimable wife. A debt of the deepest gratitude was owing them. The fact that the people have taken advantage of the hospital and Mr. Ross had captured the hearts of the people of town and district is a higher tribute than could be expressed in words. Mr. Flavelle said he hoped the mantle of charity might continue to cover the career of Mr. and Mrs. Ross and their descendants, so that future generations may be blessed with their munificence as had the citizens of this town and county.

PRESENTED WITH ADDRESS.
Mr. J. R. McNeillie at this juncture, read an address to Mr. James Ross and he prefaced the reading by remarking that he officiated in a double capacity, by representing both the Board of Governors of the Hospital and the County Council. MR. ROSS REPLIED. Mr. James Ross, in replying, stated that he appreciated the signal honor conferred on him. He would have to be brief in his remarks, because his physician had warned him to limit his address. He paid a tribute to the Board of Governors for the excellent manner in which they had managed the hospital and referred to the Lady Superintendent as a "crown of glory." His associations with the people of the town and County were referred to, as well as the many men of worth which the district had produced. His Majesty the King had been gracious enough to honor one of the residents of the County with Knighthood, and he was pleased to see Lady MacKenzie on the platform.

MR. J. K. L. ROSS.
Mr. J. K. L. Ross was the next speaker, and in opening said that he was speaking what was in his father's mind. He was pleased at the interest taken by all in the hospital, and it was a satisfaction to them all to learn that it was so well conducted. The reason his father made the gift of the hospital was not only because his parents lived here, but also on account of the kindness shown to them by the people. His father thoroughly appreciated the work done in the hospital, and as an evidence of his appreciation, had added the home which was really only an addition to the same, because the quarters occupied by the nurses would now accommodate patients. "My father will watch with interest the history of this increased hospital," said Mr. Ross, "so that in case necessity arises, and you want to come to him for additional aid, he will be able to see how the Board of Governors have fulfilled their labors. If Mr. Flavelle still maintained the same interest as has prompted him in the past, the institution is bound to flourish and my father will be pleased to do what he can for the town and county."

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES.
Letters conveying congratulatory expressions as well as expressions of regret at being unable to be present were read from the following people— Hon. W. J. Hanna, Provincial Secretary, Sir Edward Clouston, Montreal, Dr. Caven, Toronto. Miss Stewart, Lady Superintendent, and Dr. Brown, Superintendent, Toronto General Hospital. Miss Brent, Lady Superintendent, Toronto Sick Children's Hospital. Mr. S. J. Fox, M.P.P., Lindsay; Dr. Mason, M.P.P., of Fenelon Falls. Drs. Geo. A. Bingham, Fotheringham; Jas. F. W. Ross, and H. A. Bruce, Toronto. J. Ross Robertson, of The Telegram, Toronto. Mr. J. W. Flavelle, Chairman of General Hospital, Toronto. Dr. Bruce Smith, Inspector of the Board of Governors, Toronto Hospitals, Toronto.

AN ARTIST'S TRIBUTE.
Mr. Holmer Watson, of Galt, who is a warm friend of Mr. Ross, said he appreciated the honor of being called upon as he understood Mr. Flavelle's kindness was prompted from the fact that he was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ross. Only those who had directly experienced the benefits of such a magnificent institution as the Ross Memorial Hospital could speak from the heart. Mr. Watson said that he could only utter warm words of admiration over the gift of the hospital and nurses' home. Mr. Watson contended he was no speaker

as his medium of expression was in another channel. The fame of the Ross Hospital has been spread broadcast. With Mr. Ross it has been deeds not words, as was demonstrated not only in his benefactions in this line, but also in arts. The king of benefactions in any community, he considered was an hospital. Mr. Ross had remembered his father and mother in a beautiful manner. MR. W. E. RUNDLE. Mr. W. E. Rundle, Chairman of the Board of Finance, of Toronto General Hospital spoke as follows: I assure you, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, that I esteem it a great privilege to be here today and to take part in these proceedings, and to bring you greetings from a sister hospital, the General Hospital, Toronto. At the same time when asked to address you, I find myself in a position similar to that told of the man who came down from the north country and was asked by his friend if he would have a cocktail. He had never before heard of such libation. However he took it and after drinking it he turned to his friend and said, "Well, I don't think much of your cherry but I like the spirit in which it is given."

Now, sir, I am not a speaker, and do not like the idea of trying to make a speech on this occasion but I appreciate the spirit which has prompted you, sir, to ask me to do so. In reflecting upon the occasion which calls us together this afternoon, Mr. Chairman, I am reminded that all down through the ages men have been calling upon their fellowmen to serve them. The cry for public service is not a new cry. The character of the service may change with time because the demands of civilization change as the centuries roll on. In the long ago the chief service was to lead armies. Those are sometimes called the days of the simple life. However, that might be we know that our life today is complex. It calls for opportunities for service in many departments of life. We still unfortunately need men to lead our armies to battle. We need men who will set themselves apart to watch over the spiritual needs of the nation. We need men to serve us in the field of art literature and philosophy.

But, sir, this afternoon, we are gathered together to do honor to two types of service. First, to a great Captain of Industry, a distinguished fellow citizen of our country who has seen the opportunity of bestowing a benefit upon this community and has done it. One of the duties of the hour is undoubtedly that which a wealthy man owes to those needs of the day which any large and generous gifts of money can meet. Mr. Jas. Ross is one of those men of riches, who has faced and met the duty in a large minded and generous manner, and we honor him, for it. The life of Lindsay and its surroundings has been made the fuller and the richer by his gift to it of a hospital and equipment and now a nurses' home and I am sure that today a thankfulness rises to Mr. Ross in the hearts of the people of this district. Mr. Ross has made a noble gift. The County of Victoria offers a noble response.

The second type of service to which we do honor this afternoon, is that given partly by that splendid band of women called nurses. I know of no service which demands more of our praise. Someone has said that we might get along with our doctors, but that we could not get along without nurses. The profession of nursing is exacting. It demands a fidelity to service that nothing else does. An unwatchful moment on the part of a nurse may mean the loss of a life. Is it a wonder then that men cast about in their minds for ways and means of making the life of such women, more bearable? One of the ways of so doing is to provide them with homes where when freed from duty they may enjoy rest and the comforts of life to better fit them for the discharge of their duties. Such a home has today been provided, for the hospital in our midst. Sir I do not think I can close these few remarks, more fittingly, than by expressing the hope that the donor of that home may live long

to witness the blessing he has bestowed upon the dwellers therein, and that the nurses who grace it by their presence will be inspired to even greater and nobler efforts in the service of mankind. DR. J. W. WOOD. Dr. Wood said he was pleased to share in expressions of thankfulness and gratitude extended to Mr. Ross in connection with the opening of the new nurses' home. He could appreciate the remarks of the chairman regarding the uphill work encountered by the Board of Managers during the first few years of the hospital's history. The officials had come to the county council for assistance and had received the cold shoulder, but in the course of time the goodness of the work and blessings of such an institution became apparent and they afterwards received every encouragement.

People were prejudiced at first, but this has all been changed. The feelings of appreciation and gratitude on the faces of the many patients treated is ample reward for what has been done. Dr. Wood said he felt there was something lacking in connection with the hospital, because the nurses slept and eat where they labored. Thanks to the generosity and goodness of Mr. Ross, they now had quarters where they could receive that relaxation and rest necessary and go back to their work with renewed vigor.

There was a feeling abroad, said the doctor, that the money amassed by man should be taken from him and divided among others. That sentiment, he was glad to say, was not appreciated here. Men today, were contributing wealth, as they never did before. It was exemplified in the building erected by Mr. Ross to the memory of his parents, and of the paramount benefit of the community.

Dr. Wood next paid a warm tribute to the Lady Superintendent and staff of nurses. The former had displayed tact and ability to an admirable degree. She had no superior in the province, and certainly deserved the new home. The speaker was also pleased at Mr. Ross' tribute to the men of the County of Victoria, and all, he felt, would feel proud that His Majesty the King conferred Knighthood on Sir William MacKenzie. Dr. Wood in conclusion assured Mr. Ross that his great gifts would be appreciated and would be far reaching in their results. He was doing a noble work of charity and all, he felt would join in the hope that when his labors had ended that it would be said of him: "Inasmuch as you have done this to the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto me."

NOTE WAS A PROPHECY.
Mr. James Ross referred back to the time when Mr. Flavelle first met him regarding the erection of the hospital. The note of hopefulness sounded that time regarding the institution was a prophecy. After paying a tribute to Mr. Flavelle's deep interest in the institution, Mr. Ross assured the management he would give it all the assistance it needed. LABOR OF LOVE. Mr. J. D. Flavelle wished to say that his associations with the Ross Memorial Hospital had been a labor of love. It had more than repaid him and he had been a better man, as it gave him a truer sympathy for the afflicted and suffering. It was an honor to be associated with the work of the Hospital, and Mr. Ross had stopped at no expense in his benefactions and he prayed that both he and his wife should be long spared to witness benefits accruing from the hospital in our midst.

The proceedings closed, with the National Anthem. KINMOUNT. (Special to the Post.) Mrs. Christopher Cobin, of Galway is at present seriously ill with pneumonia. She is being attended by Dr. White. We trust she may soon be about again. Another pioneer of Galway has passed to the majority in the person of Mr. Christopher Cobin. He lived in this neighborhood nearly forty years and his death on Dec. 30th, was unexpected. He leaves to mourn his loss, his aged widow, one son, Henry, at home, and a married daughter, Mrs. Petrie, near Peterboro.

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