## Travellers' Guide.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

GOING EAST.

7.00 a.m., 11.40 a.m., 8.05 p.m.

GOING WEST.

8.57 a.m., 5.22 p.m., 8.45 p.m.

—SUNDAY—

Going West 8.57 a. m. Going East 7.38 p.m

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY

(H. & N. W. Division.)

| GOING NORTH. | GOING SOUTH. |
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| 8.50 a.m. | 6.00 p.m. |
| 10.15a.m. | 8.05 p.m. |

## Dizziness and Nausea.

CAUSED BY OVER-STUDY AND CLOSE CONFINEMENT.

How a Popular School Teacher Suffered And How Acting on a Friend's Advice She Tried Dr. Williams's Pink Pills and Was Restored to Health and Strength.

"About the most thorough and popular teacher we have ever had here," is the opinion expressed by people of Canaaa, N.S., of their present young lady school teacher, Miss Nellie Cutten. Miss Cutten is possessed of keen intelligence and engaging manners, and has been peculiarly successful in her chosen profession. At present she looks the picture of health, and one observing her good color and buoyant spirits, would never think of associating her with sickness. It was, however, only last autumn that she was almost hopeless of continuing in her present work on account of her ill-health, and her condition was a source of alarm to her friends. "Yes," she said to an Acadian reporter who called upon her recently to learn the particulars of her case, "I suppose it is a duty I owe Dr. Williams's Pink Pills, that I should make public the wonders they worked for me, but perhaps I would not have thought of it if you had not called."

"You see, in addition to my teaching, I had been studying very hard over my 'B' work, and then I was attacked with whooping cough, which did not leave me for a long time, and so I became pretty well run down. I was always considered the embodiment of health at home, but last autumn I was really alarmed over my condition. Sometimes in the schoolroom I would be seized with dizziness, and often I would faint away. I would take vomiting turns also, and had a feeling of nausea and langour all the time. I lost my color and became thin and pale, and it seemed as if my blood had turned to water.

"This condition of things was so different from anything which I had previously experienced that I sought medical advice at once. I was informed that I was suffering from anaemia, and I at once put myself under medical treatment. But although I tried several bottles of prescriptions, my condition seemed to be getting worse all the time. When I went home for my Christmas vacation I was almost in despair. It was while I was at home, however, that my friends advised me to use Dr. Williams's Pink Pill. Acting upon their their advice, I took up their use. I used 4 or 5 boxes and then the cure was complete. Ever since then my health has been excellent and I have felt my real old time self, and am able to attend to my duties, which are by no means light, without the fatigue and languor that made the work irksome. You may depend upon it I will always have a friendly word to say for Dr. Williams's Pink Pills."

If your dealer does not keep these pills in stock, they will be sent postpaid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams's Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

### Paul Kruger.

New York Times:—Safely landed in France and vociferously welcomed by the unscrupulous foes of the best Government France has had for many and many a year—Mr. Kruger makes this interesting announcement:—"We will fight on until we win, or every man, woman and child is murdered." That expresses a resolution desperate indeed, but the words lose something of their impressiveness when one remembers that the speaker took a very timely departure from the scene of active operations and danger; that he carried along with him a quantity of gold large enough to form an appreciable part of the lading of a ship, and that, according to present accounts, he intends to pass the rest of his life comfortably established on the Riviera, a region commonly regarded as one of the pleasantest in the world. And this is the indomitable patriot who talks about fighting England to the bitter end, "until every man, woman and child is murdered in the struggle." He irresistibly recalls that other patriot who was willing to sacrifice all of his wife's relations on the altar of his country. Mr. Kruger, however, carries his devotion to an even greater extreme. He contemplates the sacrifice of his own as well as his wife's relations, and he leaves his wife herself to be "murdered." In fact, he sacrifices everything except himself and his fortune that fortune the origin of which is so mysterious, but the size of which is so consolatory.

### Our Tricks.

Sometimes as old age comes to people there is a sloughing away of the small courtesies or charms of manner. Yet when I hear young people criticise such lapses I wonder if they are not, many of them, even now forming habits that old age will confirm and which will prove more objectionable than those they today criticise.

So, after all, are not the habits of others who are older than we excellent object lessons to us who are daily growing older? They may teach us to avoid the small lapses from good breeding, the little needless tricks in which we are sometimes tempted to indulge. One woman on the shady side of 50 has a way of shaking her foot always during a church service. Through hymns, prayers and sermon her shapely foot beats a light tap, tap, tap, on the floor of her pew, a seemingly harmless habit, but one that threatens to drive to nervous despair those whose seats are near hers.

As one advances in years it is only too easy to acquire nervous tricks which after awhile become almost incurable habits. When one is no longer young, she is too old to be schooled, and young people should be too respectful to attempt it.—Harper's Bazar.

### Half-a-dollar Well Spent.

If it is not your habit to buy an illustrated book for your family's Christmas reading, try the experiment. "Toronto Saturday Night's Christmas," sixty pages, full of stories and pictures, will interest everyone and widen the vision of all as Canadians. Four pictures suitable for framing, one of which—"Raphael's Mother and Child"—is an exact reproduction of the costliest and best picture in the world. No where else can you get the same value! Five dollars' worth of the best art and literature for 50 cents. Get it from your newsdealer, or from The Sheppard Publishing Company, Limited, Toronto.

## OILED ROADS AND THEIR BENEFITS.

An interesting address was given before the Good Roads Association of Southern California recently by Mr. T. F. White, who described some experiments made by him at Chino, San Bernardino Co., in the use of oil for improving the surface of roads. During the last two years a good deal has been done in his part of the country with oil on country roads, the prime object being (as on railway beds) the suppression of dust. This was the only thing sought when Chino contracted for its first lot of oiled roads, some twenty-five or thirty miles in length. But it was discovered that oil might be made to build up a surface that would resist the wear of travel, and that is the great aim of the later practice there. Mr. White said that the roads were originally constructed by a contractor, who guaranteed "a dustless road" from May till December. During the first season the contractor sprinkled them three times. Subsequently the town undertook to care for the road itself, and it was then found that one application of oil would do more good than the contractor's three.

Oil sprinkled directly on a sandy or alluvial road will do little good, Mr. White says. It should be surfaced with a firmer material before it is applied. Sand, properly covered, makes a wonderfully firm bed. When Mr. White was put in charge of the roads of Chino, he found a section of sand half a mile long over which a clayey gravel had been hauled from a distance. The stuff had once been used for making bricks. Only a few inches of it had been spread over the sand. Yet it made a fine road for dry weather. When wet, holes would work through in a short time. But by oiling the road was greatly improved. The gravel employed is peculiar to Southern California, but Mr. White is confident that any disintegrated granite, such as may be found in other States, would work equally well.

In making new roads, he first graded the foundation and then put on a layer of this gravel seven inches thick in the middle and six at the edges. Afterward he made it nine inches thick in the middle and eight on the sides. The foundation was rolled hard and kept wet just ahead of the gravel. The latter was also thoroughly soaked when spread. A heavy orchard cultivator was run through it, while the water was being poured on. Harrow and roller were used to shape the road up, and finally it was given a chance to dry.

When the road had dried out to a depth of fully two inches, it was carefully swept and the oil put on. The first application should be liberal. On a road eighteen feet wide Mr. White puts from one hundred to one hundred and fifty barrels for each mile. Before the oil is applied, it is heated to a temperature of 200 degrees or over. The hotter the better. Some difficulty was experienced in getting the oil well distributed, and finally Mr. White invented a machine of his own to do the work. The trouble at first was to regulate the flow. Mr. White adds:

The result of our experiment at Chino has been a road that is hard and smooth and shows no appreciable wear after it has been down over a year. Many visitors mistake it for a bitumen road. A number of the storekeepers kept it swept before their places. This road has had three applications of oil since it was built, two last year and one this. The quantity put on this year was not more than about one-fourth that put on the first time. When oil is applied to such a road after the first application there is but little penetration and the surface is left sticky. To remedy this, some gravel (the same material of which the road is formed) is screened and sprinkled over the surface by a man expert in the use of a shovel. Just sufficient is put on to take up the surplus oil and no more. This is important. I designed a machine for this work, which will do it more evenly than a man with a shovel, and at less expense. This sprinkling with gravel makes up for the previous wear on the road, and in a few days packs down with the travel to a smooth, hard surface. If desired, it can be packed down at once with a roller.

The first application of oil to a road built as above described penetrates, if all the conditions are right, to a depth of about an inch. Uniting with this top layer of gravel, it forms an elastic covering to the road beneath and takes the wear. And yet "elastic" is not quite the word. The surface has more of the yielding nature of lead and has a "flow" like lead. A heavy load on a narrow tire will indent it some, a wider tire following will smooth out the the dent. It yields slightly to horses' feet, and is therefore a favorite road with horsemen, giving less jar than a stone or cement road. Such a surface, which can be easily kept intact by slight repairs done at the proper time, serves as a buffer between the impact of horses' feet, the imprinting of wheels and the roadbed beneath and accounts for the slight wear.

### Christmas Number of the Ledger Monthly.

The beautiful cover of the Christmas number of the Ledger Monthly is a reproduction of a painting of a Christmas dinner scene, a rich and noble picture of contemporary life by the well-known artist, Victor Perard. This is supplemented by illustrated Christmas articles and stories, "Christmas Holiday Entertainments" and "Santa Claus Among the Poor Children" are full of suggestions for those who provide for the happiness of the little ones. Hall Caine's story, "Jan, The Icelander," which was commenced in the November number, is continued. A synopsis of the preceding chapters enables the readers to take up the thread of the story in this number. Henry Collins Walsh contributes a most interesting illustrated account of Lieutenant Peary's little daughter "Marie Ahnighito Peary and Her Esquimo Friends." Lieutenant Peary's daughter was born within the Arctic Circle at Anniversary Lodge in 1893. Among the miscellaneous articles is a charming illustrated sketch of "Joseph Jefferson's Southern Home," showing the veteran actor and his family under the shade of the great Southern live oaks. There are 135 illustrations in this number of the Ledger Monthly, and the variety and interest of the magazine have never been surpassed. It is full of pure, interesting and instructive reading matter. Price of the Ledger Monthly is one dollar a year and ten cents per copy. Robert Bonner's Sons, Publishers, Ledger Building, New York.

### A Girl's Experience in Berlin.

The average cost of living of the American girl student is from $50 to $75 a month. To keep her expenditures within the latter sum of course necessitates the exercise of rather strict economy. If this money be spent judiciously, however, she may have a taste of all of the comforts of life and even of some of its luxuries. The lessons from the masters cost from $5 to $10 each, and the girl who brings sufficient training from home will profit much from her weekly audience with a great teacher. Rooms in the fashionable quarter of Berlin are expensive, although after the third story is passed there is a decrease in price the nearer one gets to heaven. The style of living is much more simple than in America, and the plainest meal is generally well cooked and nourishing. —Edward A. Steiner in Woman's Home Companion.

Sir Alfred Milner warns the Colonial Office that no one should go to South Africa at present with the view of seeking employment.

## FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

Mr. G. C. Creelman, superintendent of Farmers' Institutes, has just completed arrangements for the holding of over 700 meetings during the coming months of December, January and February. All the delegates who have been appointed to address the various institute meetings are practical men who have studied closely the subjects they are advertised to discuss.

Besides the regular topics these three special subjects that will received attention this winter and the following instructions have been issued to the delegates by the superintendent:

"Last winter, at the request of the Prov. Minister of Agriculture, the Bacon Hog was discussed at all of our meetings. The wisdom of this course is already manifesting itself. A better class of hogs are being offered for sale this fall than ever before. The Registrar of Live Stock for the province states that for the first time the bacon breeders lead in the number of thoroughbred animals registered and we are receiving enquiries from all parts of the province in reference to the breeding, feeding and finishing of this class of animals. It is likely, therefore, that this subject will come up for discussion again at many of our meetings this winter. Our duty does not lie along the line of advising farmers to take up hog raioing as a business, but rather to assist those who are already pork producers to raise and put on the market a better article than they have done heretofore. We have not a home market now for thick, fat pork and we cannot successfully compete with the Americans in their market so long as they have cheap corn with which to feed their hogs, Bacon, therefore, must be our principal pork product, and the kindly reception which our Canadian "Wiltshire sides" have been accorded on the British market is sufficient to justify us in recommending the farmers to breed to the bacon type. Much has already been done by our progressive swine breeders to improve the bacon classes, and it was a noticeable feature at our fall fairs this year that in all classes of hogs there were longer individual animals and the judges gave the highest premiums to those animals that showed the least indication of carrying superfluous fat. The subject of cold storage for farm products will be discussed this winter at our meetings. You must be prepared to discuss this question. New laws have been passed in Ontario relating to this subject, and these you should familiarize yourself with. I have already sent you the latest published information on the subject and you will please study the principles involved and the method and cost of construction of such a plant as would be practicable for the average Canadian farmer. When we assemble in Guelph at the time of the Experimental Union and the Provincial Winter Fair, it is expected that an expert will be there to address you on this topic, and we also expect to have a cold storage plant there at that time for practical demonstration.

Another industry that is deserving of more attention than it receives, and which the Hon. Minister of Agriculture is anxious to promote, is that of poultry raising and fattening for the home and foreign markets. I am arranging for a series of special poultry meetings in connection with our regular and supplementary meetings, but the number of farmers who will attend these district meetings must of necessity be limited, and I request that you acquaint yourself with what has been done and is being done io this country to promote this industry. Special instruction on poultry matters will also be furnished at the the Winter Fair, and you will there obtain practical hints and information that should be useful to you in your winter meetings.

### When Buying Shoes.

Do not trust to the appearance of your shoe after it has been fitted and fastened up. Try it before you buy it, not merely stepping upon it, but walking in it long enough to learn if it brings comfort to every part of your foot. The foot is smaller when you are sitting down, and a shoe that will seem the acme of comport becomes an instrument of torture when your muscles expand from the weight of the body and the blood flows down to the feet, as it does in walking. I heard a woman complaining of her feet the other day and pitied her until she said that she was wearing a No. 5 shoe when a 6 fitted her better. "Why do you go through such senseless misery?" "Because I will not wear such a large shoe, even if I have to remove a smaller one every ten minutes until it is broken in." The breaking in, by the way, means a stretching of the leather and cloth to accommodate the abused feet. That destroys the shape of the shoe, but allows the wearer the satisfaction of admitting that she wears a No. 5 shoe. Funny, isn't it?—Philadelphia Times.

### A Way to Serve Oysters.

In the search after new and strange ways of serving oysters the most simple and most generally liked methods are somehow neglected. There are ways and ways of varying even the familiar escaloped oyster. Scald a quart of oysters until the gills curl, drain and place them where they will keep warm. Make a white sauce of a cup of milk, a heaping teaspoon of butter, a half cup of oyster liquor and a tablespoon of flour. Heat two teaspoons of butter in a pan and stir in six tablespoons of bread crumbs, letting them brown. When all these preparatory steps have been taken, put a layer of oysters in the bottom of a shallow baking dish and sprinkle them with salt. Over the oysters scatter a light layer of chopped celery and then add some of the white sauce. Add another layer of oysters, and so continue until all are used. Over the top add a layer of the browned bread crumbs. Put the dish in the oven and leave it just long enough for the oysters to get heated through. About three tablespoons of chopped celery will be required for this dish. When served, it should be of the consistence of creamed oysters.

### Magnificent Newspaper Building.

The Family Herald and Weekly Star, of Montreal, has just moved into its palatial new building, admitted by its contemporaries to be one of the finest, if not the very finest newspaper building in the world. With its new lightning presses and equipment, the new building of the Family Herald and Weekly Star cost half a million dollars. The progress of the Family Herald is one of the marvels of the century.

### Killing Deer in Water.

(Galt Reformer.)

Efforts are being made by some sportsmen to have the killing of deer in water prohibited. They claim deer were slaughtered that way in the season just past. Game Warden Tinsley will likely make an effort to have the law changed at the coming session of the legislature. He figures that 70 per cent. of the deer taken are secured in the water.

### To Cure a Child of Stuttering.

The child that stutters must be gently, patiently and persistently corrected, stopped when he begins to hesitate, made to fill the lungs with air by a deep inhalation, and then to pronounce the difficult syllables until he can do so easily and smoothly. If this course is pursued and undeviating cure is certain.—December Ladies' Home Journal.

Col. Willcocks, commanding the British force in Ashanti, reports that the campaign against the rebellious tribes is ended.

### O'CONNELL'S EARLY ROWS.

A Couple of Samples That Ended In a Laughable Manner.

Early in his career at the bar O'Connell was counsel at the Kerry assizes in an action against a relative named Mr. Siggerson, and, having occasion to refer to that person in somewhat strong terms in his speech to the jury, Siggerson jumped up in court and called him "a purse proud blockhead."

O'Connell said: "In the first place, I have got no purse to be proud of, and, secondly, if I be a blockhead, it is the better for you, as I am counsel against you. However, just to save you the trouble of saying so again, I'll administer a slight rebuke," whereupon he struck Siggerson soundly on the back with a cane which the tipstaff accommodatingly lent him for the purpose.

That evening Siggerson sent him a challenge, but next morning he wrote stating he had discovered that O'Connell's life was inserted in a very valuable lease of a portion of his lands. "Under these circumstances," he continued, "I cannot afford to shoot you unless, as a precautionary measure, you first insure your life for my benefit. If you do, then heigh for powder and ball. I'm your man."

The other case had an ending almost as ludicrously absurd. It also arose out of a lawsuit and affords us yet another curious glimpse of that arena—the Irish courts of law—in which O'Connell had at the time of which I write already won fame and fortune. In the August of 1813 O'Connell, appearing in a case tried at Limerick, interrupted his learned friend, Counselor Maurice Magrath, who was engaged on the other side, by exclaiming: "That's a lie, Maurice," to which Magrath replied by flinging the volume of the statutes from which he was quoting at O'Connell's head and then kicking him on the shins.

O'Connell sent a challenge, which of course Magrath accepted. A refusal to fight when challenged in those days led to one inevitable conclusion—that it was due to cowardice. On the old windmill field outside the city—the scene of many an affair of honor—O'Connell, as he stood before his opponent awaiting the signal to fire, exclaimed with deep emotion, "Now I am going to fire at my dearest and best friend." The duel was stopped, and the seconds after a long discussion arrived at an amicable settlement. It was arranged that the two combatants should again face each other, loaded pistols in hand, and each declare aloud his regret for what had occurred. After this somewhat comic episode O'Connell and Magrath warmly shook hands amid the acclamation of those present and returned to Limerick in the same carriage.

### THE ETHICS OF GAMBLING.

She Knew It Was Not Right to Bet on a Certainty.

"Woman," remarked Mr. Gooseling of Georgetown, "is heaven's best gift to man, but whether it means a married woman or not I am not certain. Now, there's my wife. I've known a good many women in my time, and I don't think I'd be willing to change her for any woman I ever met, saw or heard of. We've been married 20 years, and in all that time we've never had a cross word that we didn't get disposed of somehow before we had many more. It's the only way to get along with a woman. I'd rather yield a dozen times a day than eat the kind of meal my wife can have brought on the table when she's a mind to. I'm willing to make as many concessions as the next man, but I really think there is a limit that any reasonable woman ought to observe. Not that my wife is not as reasonable as any other married woman mind you, for she is. But there are times when she makes me doubt the strict accuracy of the time honored maxim I have quoted. Now, for instance, the other day I was doing something or other around the house, like a man has a right to do on his own premises, and, just as men sometimes do, I put my finger where I had no business to put it and hit it a lick with the hammer.

"'Well,' said I to myself, though my wife was sewing by the window on the other side of the room, 'I'll bet I'm the biggest darn fool in ten states.'

"All of which I had a perfect right to say, but my wife looks up from her work and says she:

"'William, don't you know enough about the ethics of gambling to know that you have no right to bet on a certainty?'

"That's what she said, and under the circumstances what on earth could I say but nothing, and that's what I said. But I hit that nail a lick with the hammer that drove it clear in over its head and broke a pane of glass that cost a dollar to replace."

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### ITEMS.

Parliament will be further prorogued till January 14.

The alarmist press dispatches regarding the czar's condition are flatly contradicted by the official bulletins from Livadia, which state that the royal patient continues to make satisfactory progress.

The Century Fund Executive of the Presbyterian Church has issued a circular asking that the last month of the old century be set apart as a season of special prayer for the outpouring of the spirit of God and the deepening of spiritual life throughout the church.

A crowd of people assembled on the roof of a glass factory at San Francisco to witness a football match. The roof collapsed, and many of the people dropped down near the furnace and were badly burned. Fourteen are dead and many injured.

Inspector James W. Paul of West Virginia says the recent mine disaster at Berryville, in which fourteen lives were lost, was the result of a conspiracy to kill the foreman of the mine. The conspirators underestimated the force of the explosin and were themselves blown up.


AGENTS WANTED.—FOR "STORY OF SOUTH AFRICA" by John Clark Ridpath, LL.D. Edward S. Ellis, M.A., J. A. Cooper, Managing Editor of the "Canadian Magazine," Toronto, and J. H. Aiken, of London, Ont., who has returned this week from 12 years' travelling in South Africa for us. We are the only Canadian Publishers who have had a branch in South Africa for nineteen years, giving us an immense advantage in procuring photographs and material. Our authorship, letterpress and engravings are superior, and Canadian Contingents better illustrated than in any rival work. So sure are we of this that we will mail free for comparison our prospectus to anyone possessing a rival prospectus. Circulars and terms free. Apply, World Publishing Company, Guelph, Ontario.

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County of Halton Local Court Calendar for 1901.

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| Milton | Wm Paton | Friday, 11th. | 12 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 20 | 21 | 10 a.m. |
| Oakville | Chas R. Paterson | Tuesday, 8th. | 5 | 7 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 14 | 12.30 m. |
| Georgetown | Lachlan Grant | Wednesday, 9th. | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 15 | 2.30 p.m. |
| Acton | Matthew Beattie | Saturday, 12th. | 9 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 17 | 18 | 10 a.m. |
| Burlington | James Robinson | Monday, 7th. | 4 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 11 a.m. |

General Sessions of the Peace and County Court Sittings, with or without Jury, 11th June and 10th December—on opening day at 1 p.m.

County Court Sittings—1st January, 2nd April and 1st October, and as often at other times as may be necessary.

County Court Sittings—Commencement of Business.

County Court Sittings—formerly Terms—14th January, 1st April, 1st July and 7th October.

Audit of Criminal Justice Accounts, 3rd January, 2nd April, 2nd July and 2nd October.

By Order.

T. G. MATHESON,
Clerk of the Peace.


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After a Brave Struggle with an Overwhelming Debt the Hospital for Sick Children is Within Sight of Freedom — Only $19,000 Required to Free It.

Eight years ago the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, was in a most precarious financial position. Only a few sanguine friends believed that the huge debt of over $106,000 would ever be lifted from it. A prominent Montreal financier, when asked to loan money and hold as security on mortgage the hospital, enquired as to the suitability of the building for "factory purposes." Perhaps it was his remarks as much as anything else that helped the brave fellows who stood by the hospital. The very idea of such a possibility stirred the hearts and spurred the efforts of those to whom the Hospital work had become dear.

Taking the responsibility of the load upon their own shoulders the trustees of the Sick Children's Hospital appealed to the generous hearts of a rich province—Ontario.

Here is a Hospital—they told it through the newspapers—which throws open its doors in answer to the cry of any sick child, a Hospital that has nursed and cured thousands of helpless and crippled children; a Hospital equipped as is no other institution of its kind in the world. Shall a charity so sweet and deserving be forced to close its doors by a mortgagee who thinks it might do for a mill?

That was eight years ago. Not before nor since has a single sick child been refused admission to the Hospital. A staff of doctors and a corps of trained nurses are there during the day and the long watches of the night—tenderly and skilfully caring for the little ones given into their care by fond, anxious parents. Little children are brought to the Hospital from the farthest points of the province. Every town and township has been represented during the past quarter century. The fame of its great healing power has been told in many a humble home—for during twenty-five years 40,000 sick children have been taken care of. Some of the little ones treated in those early days are strong, healthy men and women to-day.

Last year the Hospital roll numbered 5,775 patients. Some spent days and weeks in the cots at the Hospital. Others came for a few days, while many were brought to the doors of the Hospital in the arms of their mothers and received such medicine and advice as to speedily effect a cure in their own homes.

More than one-third of the little children admitted to the Hospital wards came from places outside the city. The people in the province have helped the Hospital in a generous manner. Many splendid gifts are received from friends outside Toronto.

It costs over $30,000 each year to maintain the Hospital. About $100 a day is needed to buy food, medicine, surgical appliances and nursing for this army of little ones—146 patients being in the cots at the end of this fiscal year.

An appeal is being made by the Hospital Trustees this year for $19,000—the sum required to entirely free the Hospital of its debt. They issue the appeal to their friends throughout the province, in a letter to the editor of this paper Mr. J. Ross Robertson says that the Hospital has many well-wishers among our readers who have given practical voice to their sympathy in past years. He believes that they will respond cheerfully and generously this year to the call for help. They want to end the century free of debt—That on the morning of the first day of the Twentieth Century there shall stand free, a monument to man's generosity to countless sick children—an imperishable gift of love from the men and women of the Nineteenth Century to little ones specially confided to our care.

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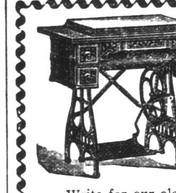

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