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What The Hospital for Sick Children on College Street, Toronto,
Has Done and Is Doing for the Little Sufferers
of the Province of Ontario.



An institution that requires about \$34,000 a year for maintenance, an institution that depends for support on the goodness of the generous people of the Province of Ontario, must needs have considerable faith in the love, affection and generosity of the people.

While the institution is located in Toronto its work is essentially provincial. It admits not only children from the city of Toronto but from every city, town, village and hamlet, yes, from every spot in the Province of Ontario.

So when you give—be your giving large or small—it goes for the benefit of every child of the province that is admitted and treated.

This statement is made because occasional reference is made to the Hospital as a Toronto institution for Toronto patients, whereas every sick child in Ontario has the same rights and privileges as those who live within the shadow of the great red pile on College street.

It costs about \$34,000 per year, or a dollar per patient, per day, to maintain the Hospital. The Government of the province gives about \$7,000 a year, or nearly eighteen cents per head, in other words, per patient per day. This amount is all expended in maintenance. The corporation of the City of Toronto does even more. It gives \$7,500 per year or eighteen cents per head per day, and this too goes towards the maintenance, not only of Toronto patients, but for every patient in the Hospital, no matter from what part of the province the little one may come from. Yes, and this contribution of the corporation is increased by from \$4,000 to \$6,000 donated by citizens of Toronto for the maintenance of all patients, to say nothing of the \$4,000 contributed yearly by Toronto people, the founders of maintained and named cots in the building.

During its lifetime the Hospital has handled 8,099 indoor patients and of these 4,000 were cured, and 2,700 were improved. Of these—and please note this—1,757 came from 1,205 places in Ontario and outside the city of Toronto.

Ten years ago the Hospital carried a heavy burden of debt. The building and its furnishings cost \$150,000 and of this \$20,000 was paid by the corporation of Toronto and \$60,000 by its citizens. Year by year the debt has been reduced and it is now down to \$13,000. To clear the indebtedness this ap-

peal is made. Hospital work cannot be carried on without money. Interest on mortgages has to be paid. An army of workers has to live. Nurses, domestics, officials are all human. They earn their wages whether they live in or out of the Hospital.

A hundred and twenty children per day—yes, in some months a hundred and forty—once it was a hundred and fifty—all these to look after and care for. Thirty nurses continually at work. A half-dozen maids with brooms and dusters; cooks and table maids to prepare the food and serve it, clerks in the office who work like beavers, typewriters who tap the keys of their machines for hours a day, answering sheaves of letters, preparing accounts, watching every doing in the immense building on College street, that never closes night or day—all the year round—a hive of two hundred people, small and large, a little town doing what it can for God's suffering little ones.

True, it is, that some have to pay—yes, all who can afford it are expected to pay—but those who cannot pay and can produce the certificate of a clergyman or known ratepayer of the province to the effect that they are too poor to pay, can have maintenance and treatment free of charge.

If all could pay there would be no need to appeal for money, but eighty per cent. of the work is free work for the children of those who cannot afford to pay.

Fancy a great family of nearly one hundred and fifty sick children. You who have had perhaps one or two sick little ones at your own home, therefore know something of the work, but when you visit Toronto drop in and see what they are doing to win back little ones from the grave.

It would only weary the reader to go on with more story. This year a giant effort is being made to clear away the debt. Every dollar of this debt handicaps the Trustees. Every dollar sent in helps to lighten the load that is being carried.

If every reader would send but a dollar what a grand fund would be raised in a few weeks of time. Let every one who can spare a dollar, send it to Douglas Davidson, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Hospital, or to J. Ross Robertson, the Chairman of the Trust. And please send it in at once, for even the best of us are prone to forget our best intentions.

Vaughan Council

Council met on Dec. 10. Reeve in the chair. Members all present. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

A grant of \$20 was made to Thornhill Public Library for the present year.

Devin's—Malloy—that the treas. pay the following sheep claims:

- J. H. Howland \$ 6 00
- J. A. Cameron 5 33
- Rolph Line 5 63
- N. W. Malloy 5 33
- D. A. McCallum 25 22
- Chas. Wood 12 00
- A. J. Witherspoon 36 43
- D. Rowntree 3 00
- S. McClure 14 66
- John Beamish 17 63
- Geo. Cooper 10 66

Devin's—Longhouse—that the treas. pay the following road accounts:

- Wm. Snider, work \$1 00
- Chas. Wiggins, work 1 37
- Chas. Balmer, work 3 12
- Alex. Black, work 8 75
- Wm. Watson, work with team 11 00
- D. McKinnon, work with team 16 50
- Wm. Watson, work with team 5 50
- R. Watkins, work 2 50
- Jas. Watkins, work 1 25
- Elliott Bros., repairs, etc 7 20
- Hicks Bros., gravel 5 00
- J. McBride, operating grader 4 05
- John Train, gravel 6 30
- Ed. Irvin, work on sand hill 2 50
- J. Blough, teaming 3 00
- J. J. Marshall, gravel 2 45
- G. Lawrie, work with team 7 50
- J. L. Card, labor, etc 15 53
- Mrs. W. Ellis, gravel 5 25
- E. Bray, gravel 1 75
- Wm. Watson, work 1 37
- Jos. Snider, building culvert 2 00
- R. Goodall, timber 7 20
- H. Creighton, repairs 8 60

- John Beamish, work \$ 4 00
- D. Huson, work 2 00
- E. Smith, work 2 00
- L. Richardson, nails, spikes, etc. 6 77
- G. Robinson, work 6 00
- J. & I. Watson, gravel 8 12
- T. H. Keys, sharpening picks 1 05
- Baldwin & Co., lumber 30 23
- W. Hamilton, cleaning ditch 2 00
- E. Smith, balance account 50
- J. McKinnon, work 3 00
- G. Cooper, gravel and work 19 79

Yonge St. Account.
D. W. Chubbie, work 5 00
G. B. Newbery, work 10 00
A. Elson, 3 toise stone 19 00
Wm. Chatterley, work 17 00
Longhouse—Malloy—that the treas. pay the following accounts:

- J. J. Cameron, caretaker \$12 00
- " " 2 panes glass 20
- J. T. Saigson, selling timber 6 00
- W. Walkington, arbitrator 2 00
- E. White, loss by fire 10 00

By-Law No. 738 was then passed appointing Deputy Returning Officers and Polling Booths as follows:

- Polling Sub-Div. No. 1—Victoria Hall, Thornhill, D. R. O., Wm. M. Bowes.
- No. 2—John Charles' House, Patterson, J. Scott McNair.
- No. 3—Temperance Hall, Edgely, Frank Smith.
- No. 4—Masonic Hall, Maple, Joshua Kaiser.
- No. 5—Wiggins' Shop, Pine Grove, Edward Jarrett.
- No. 6—Temperance Hall, Purpleville, Roger Harvey.
- No. 7—Mrs. Fleming's House, lot 15, con. 9, Wm. McGillivray.
- No. 8—Green's Shop, Kleinburg, Geo. Kellam.

The council adjourned to meet at the Clerk's Office on Saturday, the 15th day of December, at 1 o'clock p. m. sharp.

The Council met at the Clerk's Office, Maple on Saturday, December 14. The Reeve in the chair. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

The council examined the Treasurer's Accounts and adopted the same, passed a number of accounts and adjourned sine die.

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