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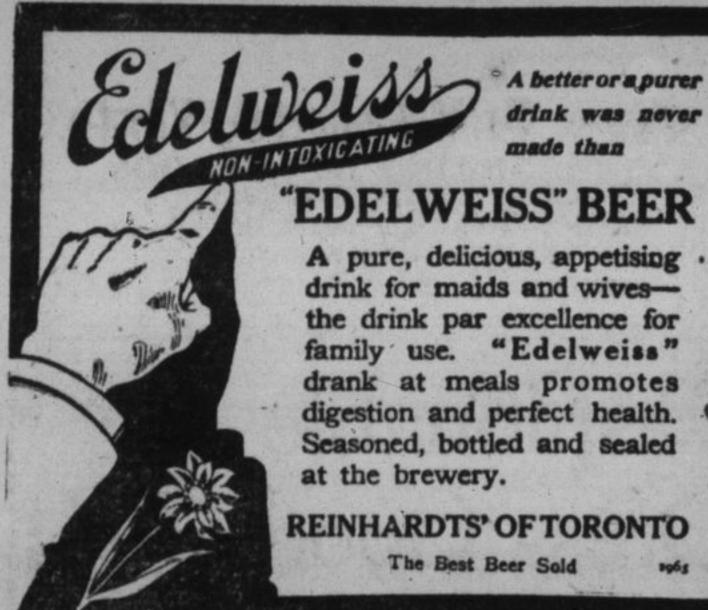
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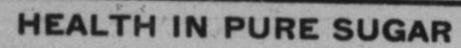
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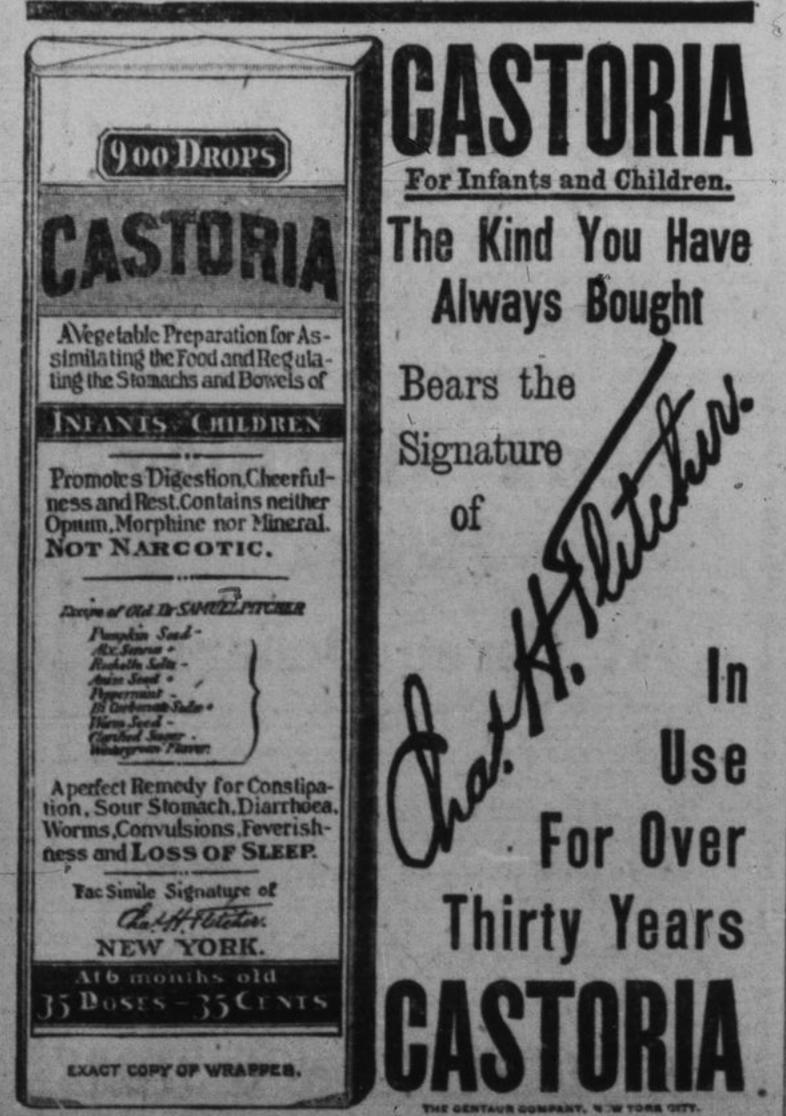
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TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

wo Subscribers to the Fund Tell Why They are Opposed to Erecting the Building on General Hospital

Kingston, March 8 .- (To the Editor): Having read Dr. W. T. Connell's letter in Monday's issue on the subject of establishing a consumptive anatorium on the general hospital grounds, I am surprised that a man of the doctor's standing should make the charge that the petition signed by many of our prominent citizens requested the city council not to give

grant towards the establishing of a tuberculosis building. Evidently, the doctor had not read the petition or he would never have made such a statement. For the benefit of those who are interested I herewith produce an exact copy of the petition, which is as follows:

"We, the undersigned ratepayers and citizens of Kingston beg leave to petition your honorable body regarding the establishment of a consumptive sanatorium on the general hospital grounds. We believe that such an room for the patients to take all ease. kinds of healthy exercise. The most It would be a great mistake for the accessful treatment of tuberculosis all promoters of this worthy, project to over the continent is on that prin- feel that they have not the best ciple. We are in full sympathy with | thanks of the community in their the project, and believe the promoters worthy endeavors, the very opposite is of the movement are entitled to the the case. I have not met a single best thanks of all citizens for their untiring efforts in collecting such a in return if the Sir Olive Mowat melarge sum of money for the purpose morial was built outside the city, but of bettering present conditions; but we are convinced that the institution (both for health and business reasons) should be located in the country. The Canadian press recommends the above treatment, and that the tuberculosis question should be dealt with by either the Jederal or provincial government. The Kingston association for the study and prevention of tuberculosis states (as , per Educational Leaflet No. 2.)

"(1.) The germs or bacilli are contained in the sputum of tuberculosis patients and in the minute droplets Isprayed by them into the air in leoughing and sneezing. Many consumptives throw off several billion of these daily. (2) If this sputum or spray is scattered about it soon dries. and as fine dust mingles with the air and may be inhaled. (3) Tuberculosis is thus spread largely by the sputum of tuberculosis patients. (4) The the key to safety.

owning property in the hospital dis- strongly oppose the placing of the protrict, and damage to our manufacturing and commercial interests arising from our city being known as a consumptive centre, is in our opinion ufficient and good reason why you should oppose the hospital site."

Being one of the citizens who circulated the petition for signatures might say that only one man, out of perhaps hundreds who were approached on the subject, refused to sign, and he did so without even reading that empty into the lake near the the petition. The petitioners are men knitting mill and get whatever damp of the highest standing in the community, many of whom are classed a- lake would give them. mong our first citizens; nearly all being contributors to the project, and good clean, dry air, and they certainmembers of our municipal bodies and ly could not get that from the prephilanthropic societies of the city. sent hospital grounds. Dr. Connell presumed that these pe- There are many places in the outtitioners. are opposed to the scheme; skirts of the city where either a hossuch is not the case; their only anx- pital could be built on high and dry lety is that a very serious mistake ground or a building, ready to hand, might be made by establishing per- purchased for one-third of the amount manently within the city an institute that it would cost to put one up. I tion which carries with it a suspicion understand the Straubenzee homestead of danger so far as the commarial in Portsmouth is for sale or if this is interests of the city are concerned. too far out there are other places When the doctor refers so flippantly nearer the city, with spare land about to the possibility of locomotives, them that could be purchased cheaply ships and marine engine's contracting the disease, because of its establishment here, it seems to be a serious reflection upon the intelligence Kingstonians who assume a much nore serious attitude. It is a wellknown fact that certain cities have city limits that could be made availcarned the reputation of consumptive able, but, of course, the building quescentres, not because of their desire tion with high wages and expensive to be known as such, but because of material would have to be considered, the success of the enterprise, in treat- Experience has taught me that even ing and combating consumption in the most careful architect has to add its various forms.

they can to assist those who have unforeseen extras, and for this reas m the matter in hand, but believe the I would strongly suggest the purenterprise should be outside the city chase of a site with a building al-

I understand that Dr. Connell, commenting upon my previous letter, admitted that the conditions set forth ever, from the present hospital if you by me were ideal, but that it was matter of convenience and economy Yours truly, A SUBSCRIBER. on the part of the advocates of the hospital site. Now, we, as citizens, think that the question of convenience and economy should be secondary, and that the site of such an institution is of far greater importance. The doctor claims there is no danger from a properly trained patient, at the same time recommends isolation. Does not this seem contradictory. The medical profession for the last twenty years admits the disease is both contagious and infectious, and that the most delicate people are the most susceptible. This being the case would not any reasonable man hesitate before giving his consent to establishing an institution of this kind at the very door of the general where our young and best blood in cleaning, stimulating properties. the country are compelled to pursual their studies from day to day. Surely the authorities of Queen's realize what this might mean to those selecting an institution wherein to complete their education.

Some months ago commissioners were appointed by the province of Quebec to make a report to the government upon the trustment of tuberculosis, and if the doctor will read this report he' will find that the chief point of their argument is isolation. Further that wherever a case is discovered in the family it should be removed at once to an environment that would be conducive to the building up of the patient's general-health, formerly Windsor)

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and privent the disease from spreading through the family Now, then, what do we find. The most successful sanitoria in America are, built on TO PROPOSED SITE OF THE the cottage principle, in a country district, where the patients have plenty of sunlight and fresh air, and room for exercise, where the management can discriminate between the advanced and incipient cases.

In conversing with medical men on this acute question of location, I find they are almost unanimous in condemning the proposed site, as being totally unfit for the requirements, but would most heartily endorse by their endeavors and financial assistance a location with such environment as would give an abundance of fresh air operated on the cottage principle. The cultivation of vegetables, fruit and flowers and the raising of poultry could be indulged in by those who are able to do a little work, and a half dozen healthy milch cows could be kept, thereby securing for the institution a supply of fresh milk and butter for the inmates. This idea, along with the government grant, would more than provide for maintenance. . Compare this idea with that of housing a number of consumptive patients in a stone building with limited space for recreation and exercise, when the treatment recommended is largely open air. Now, if open air treatment is the best, why not have wooden institution should be isolated in a buildings which would guarantee more healthy environment, and con- greater ventilation, which are the ducted on the country cottage sys- xact considerations recommended by tem, with sufficient space to give our own experts in treating this dis

contributor who would accept a dollar in many cases they have expressed a desire, to renew their contributions, if necessary, to meet the demands a successful institution of this kind would

The board of governors of the Kingston hospital must assume the re sponsibility of location, and judging rom the concensus of opinion express ed from those I have met since the agitation began, I am convinced they will give it the consideration it de serves.-CONTRIBUTOR.

Another Complaint,

Kingston, March 8 .- (To the Edit or): I understand that a petition has been signed, opposing the building of the tuberculosus hospital on the grounds of the general hospital, and though I have not signed it, nor do reside in the vicinity of the hospital, vet I think that the main objections raised by the petitioners are good and valid ones. I don't quite agree with maintenance of good general health is some of the reasons set out in the petition, but if I resided near the hos-"In the face of the above facts, and pital or was the owner of property in deference to those of our citizens adjacent thereto. I would certainly posed hospital anywhere near the

I have subscribed to the fund and have paid my subscription and having done so I consider I should with many other subscribers have a voice in the selection of a site.

For the life of the I cannot see where such a building could be erected except upon the low ground close to King street, where the patients could secure the foul nir from the sewers air and mist that proximity to the

What tuberculosis patients want is

and where there would be ample room for the erection of the shacks which are, as I understand it, an important and necessary factor in dealing with the disease. If no building could be had which would suit them there are any number of plots of land inside the at least one-quarter to the original Kingstonians are anxious to do all estimate made by him, principally for ready upon it and which a comparatively small outlay would convert it into what would be necessary for the

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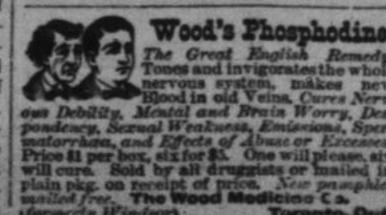
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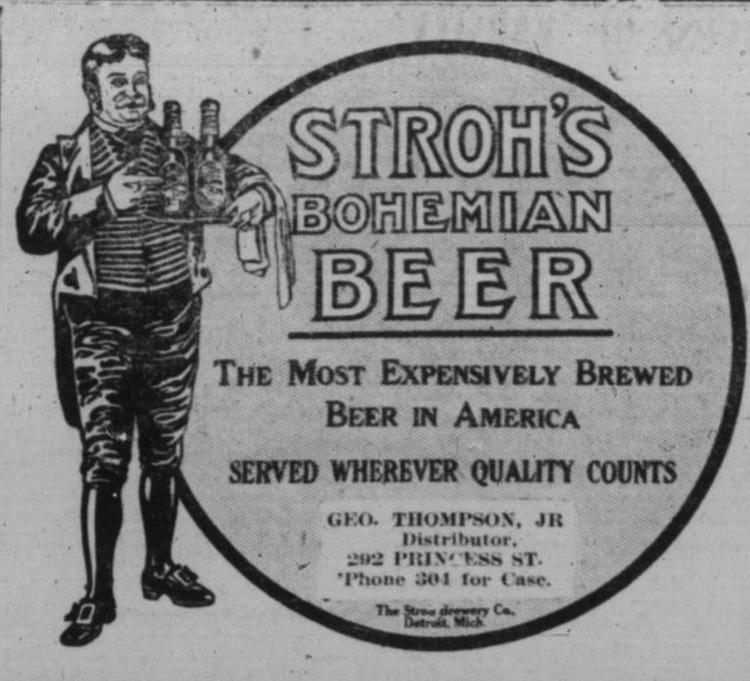
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