

# OPENING OF NEW CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

## Important Addition Made to List of Winnipeg's Charitable Institutions.

From one point of view there was nothing very unusual in connecting with the formal opening of the Winnipeg children's hospital on Saturday afternoon but to those who were there, to those who knew of the unselfish and painstaking efforts of several Winnipeg ladies to establish this institution the first of its kind in western Canada, there were a warmth of sympathy and an earnest interest which must have been gratifying to those connected with the work.

What was originally the home of the late Lieutenant-Governor Schultz, on Beaconsfield street, has been adapted for the care of sick and injured little ones. It is in a retired location on the bank of the Red river in north Winnipeg, a short distance from the car line, but despite this fact and the extreme coldness of the weather, two hundred persons were present at the inaugural ceremony. These included some of the most prominent persons in Winnipeg.

The institution was open to the public from 3 to 6 o'clock, and promptly at 4 the inauguration ceremonies commenced. Mayor Evans, in a happy speech, congratulated the women of Winnipeg on this fresh achievement, and spoke with enthusiasm and sympathy of the new movement which was destined to do such good work. He was followed by Hon. T. Mayho Daly, who is conversant with the situation among the poor of Winnipeg, and who told something about the scope of the work which had been undertaken. Insistent calls were then made for an address from Mrs. J. H. R. Bond, who for several years has been the prime mover in organizing the children's hospital, and she gave a brief resume of the labors which had come to such a successful culmination, modestly refraining from reference to her own part in the work, and extending thanks to those who had assisted her.

Mrs. Bond is the wife of Dr. J. H. R.

Bond who will in future act as a specialist in electro-therapeutics for the Institution, and it is conceded that it is mainly due to her efforts that Winnipeg now has a children's hospital. For a long time she has worked enthusiastically, interesting others in the project, and pointing out its necessity, during which she has met with many obstacles and difficulties. Mrs. Bond is a trained nurse and accompanied the British army on the expeditions to Egypt and South Africa, and has several medals. In addition she has had a number of years' experience in English hospitals.

The children's hospital is essentially a women's work, and its board is composed solely of women. Mrs. Dr. J. M. R. Bond is president; Mrs. J. D. Somerset is first vice-president; Mrs. John McKechnie is second vice-president; and other officers are Mrs. W. S. Grant, secretary, and Mrs. Chesley Walker, treasurer. Other members are: Mrs. Herbert Swinford, Mrs. C. W. Strathely, Mrs. W. J. Tupper, Mrs. V. G. Williams; Mrs. E. H. Dasse, Mrs. Somerset, Mrs. G. F. Stephens, Mrs. Herbert Wilson, Mrs. N. E. Macara, Mrs. E. H. Sheath, Mrs. Steinkopp, Madam Sherburne, Miss Strang and Miss Howell. The ladies are assisted by an advisory board consisting of T. Mayne Daly, R. Max Dennistoun, R. Campbell, C. H. Enderton and Dr. Milroy, and these have already rendered valuable assistance in the organization work.

#### Two Acres of Land.

The new children's hospital is surrounded by two acres of ground, on which there are a number of large shade trees which should prove an ideal place for the children in summer. The wide veranda of the fine old house commands a view of a broad sweep of the river, with a beautiful landscape beyond. A large double room on the first floor is utilized as a ward, and there are two others on the second floor. These are all that will be used, at the start, and there is accommodation for about thirty patients. A small room in the upper story will be used as an operating room. The rooms are large, airy and well lighted, and the building has been put in first class shape. One woman has promised to put in an extra garden this year and has promised to supply the children with plenty of early vegetables. Several women have aided the work by making comfortable sets of flannellette clothes for the little patients who will be admitted. Prior to the opening of the children's hospital the accommodation for sick children in the city was only sixteen cots.

The patron of the new institution