

natural advantages, combined with the care and attention which the patients receive, have led to the permanent cure of a large number of those who have remained in the institution the necessary time, the proprietor computing his cures at about seventy-five per cent. We would urge upon the Local Government, and especially upon the Treasurer, to whom, as a medical man, the subject will come home, the desirability of augmenting the present grant to this deserving institution; such a measure would, we are sure, meet with the approval of the country, and we think it would also be well were the Minnesota experiment tried, and the state aid to such an institution drawn directly from the pockets of the liquor-sellers by a special tax, a proceeding, the reasonableness of which will be admitted, doubtless, by all but the liquor-sellers themselves.

In this Province an act was passed in 1870, providing for the interdiction of habitual drunkards, in order to restrain them from squandering their property. This Act, whilst conceived with the best intentions, has proved, so far as we can learn, defective in many points, and it should be superseded by a Commitment Act such as that in force in the neighboring States. This Act provides that, "any Justice of the Supreme Court, or the County Judge of the county in which any inebriate may reside, shall have power to commit such inebriate to the State Inebriate Asylum, upon the production and filing of an affidavit or affidavits by two respectable physicians and two respectable citizens, freeholders of such county, to the effect that such inebriate is lost to self-control, unable from such inebriation to attend to business, or is thereby dangerous to remain at large. But such commitment shall be only until the examination now provided by law shall have been held, and in no case for a longer period than one year."

The Local Parliament being now in session we think the time opportune for calling attention to these matters, with a view to the inception of such further legislation as may seem desirable on this all-important subject, and we would especially recommend a liberal and substantial grant to the Belmont Retreat, to aid it in its struggles towards a more secure footing. We know that the proprietor is always happy to show visitors over the premises and afford

them all information, and we would advise members of the Local Legislature, now in session, to visit the Retreat, and thus, perhaps, obtain some ideas which may be of use in any future legislation on the subject.

ILLNESS OF DR. PELTIER.

We are sure there are many among our readers who will regret to learn that Dr. Hector Peltier, of Montreal, was seized with an apoplectic attack on Tuesday the 22nd of January. As we go to press we learn that there are no signs of improvement, and little hope of a favorable issue.

MONTREAL BRANCH OF LAVAL UNIVERSITY.

We are no longer left to give our readers news on this subject, which some, perhaps, might feel inclined to doubt, for the official announcement of the appointments in the Medical Faculty have been issued, and are given below. We can only add, that we regret exceedingly to see some of the most important chairs so split up between several professors as to show that side influences have been strongly at work. Edinburgh, Glasgow, and King's and University Colleges, London, only require one Professor of Clinical Surgery and one of Clinical Medicine. Why does the branch of Laval, in Montreal, require more? We leave those better able than we are to give the answer.

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FACULTY OF MEDICINE.

- P. Beaubien, M.D., Honorary Professor.
- P. Munro, M.D., Professor of Surgery and Dean of the Faculty.
- J. P. Rottot, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Clinical Medicine.
- E. H. Trudel, M.D., Professor of Obstetrics and Clinical Midwifery.
- W. H. Hingston, M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery.
- J. G. Bibaud, M.D., Professor of Anatomy.
- J. Emery Coderre, M.D., Professor of Materia Medica and General Therapeutics.
- H. Peltier, M.D., Professor of Physiology.
- T. E. D'Orsonnens, M.D., Professor of Chemistry, Medical Jurisprudence and Toxicology.
- A. T. Brosseau, M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery and Operative Medicine.
- E. P. Lachapelle, M.D., Professor of Pathology.
- A. Lamarche, M.D., Professor of Histology and Pathological Anatomy.
- E. A. E. Desjardins, M.D., Professor of Ophthalmology, and Clinical Professor of Diseases of Eye and Ear.