

they recommend—(i) the immediate completion of the extensions at Rockwood; and (ii) either the construction of another new asylum or the completion of that at Toronto, according to the original design, by the construction of wings, a plan which would save time, and would increase the facilities for classification and for economy of labour in the present establishment. Some such measures they consider imperatively necessary. They also urge (iii) the addition of hospitals to all the asylums. With reference to the Lower Province, they state that there are at the present time nearly 130 insane persons who are improperly provided for, in gaols and otherwise, and 60 who cannot find any accommodation at all. And (iv) they represent that there is a pressing necessity for the erection of a new asylum, with proper grounds, in the western part of the Province to replace the miserable make-shift at St. John's.

Despatch,
March 16, 1863.

76. *New Brunswick*.—New Brunswick, with a population which in 1851 reached 193,800, has no public hospital. It can hardly be that none is wanted in a colony which provides for an average of 178 lunatics.

The Governor reports that the colony has reason to be proud of the condition of the asylum. It is managed by a board of five unpaid Commissioners appointed by the Governor. But it is insufficiently heated; there are no lavatories, and no proper means for amusement in winter. There are no records of restraint, nor any visitation except by each Governor once in his whole term of office.

There is an urgent necessity for some proper system of inspection and reports.

Despatch,
June 30, 1863.

77. *Newfoundland*.—The defects of the hospital are that the sewage collects in a cesspool adjoining the building; that there are no baths except one slipper bath; that only one portion, recently added, has any ventilation, whilst in nine of the wards the space per head is less than 700 cubic feet; and that the reports are insufficient. This hospital admits contagious cases, and no mention is made of any resulting inconvenience.

The defects of the lunatic asylum are, that though designed for only 77 patients it is crowded with an average of 88½, and has once admitted 107; that some of the dormitories (and those the single ones, which ought to be especially roomy), give only from 510 to 561 cubic feet of space; that there is a great want of more commodious airing-courts, and of better means of amusement and employment, especially in winter, and that there are three criminal and violent inmates who greatly disturb the order of the establishment.

Despatch,
March 5, 1863.

78. *Nova Scotia*.—A population which in 1851 reached 277,119 is without a public hospital.

The asylum is unfinished, very insufficient for the wants of the country, and crowded with helpless imbeciles who ought not to be suffered to lessen the means of a curative institution, and who would be better off elsewhere. The associated dormitories allow only 510 cubic feet per head, and the portion first built is damp and out of repair. The medical superintendent further asks for an airing-court for males, and some other small improvements which may be left to local care. In other respects this asylum appears to be very satisfactory.

Despatch,
May 13, 1863.

79. *Prince Edward's Island*.—Prince Edward's Island is also without a public hospital.

At the asylum drainage is effected by an open gutter leading into a cesspool, and the latrines can only be cleansed by hand. The basement cells allow only 323 cubic feet per head, and none of the rest exceed and few approach 600, an amount which it is needless to say is very insufficient. Nor is there any means for ventilation except the nominal one of windows. The means for employment are equally deficient. It does not appear that there are any records of restraint, or any reports except the statutable annual return. The combination in this case of a poor-house with a lunatic asylum is believed to be exceedingly prejudicial to both branches.

Despatch,
March 20, 1863.

80. *Bermudas*.—There is no hospital in the Bermudas.

The asylum is one of the worst specimens to be found in the colonies. The site is bad and cold, the walls damp. The rooms are too few, overcrowded, ill-constructed, draughty in winter, ill-ventilated in summer, and so small as to give in some cases no more than 540 cubic feet of space to each patient in single cells. There is no sewerage or drainage, and the