

QUEBEC LUNATIC ASYLUM.

(TRANSLATION.)

To the Honorable

THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,

In accordance with established usage, we have the honor to present our report on the working of the Quebec Asylum during the fiscal year which has just expired.

We are happy to be able to state that we have not to deplore a single accident of a serious nature. Amongst the considerable number of people under our care there are many violent and dangerous subjects, particularly in the epileptic class of patients, the nature of whose madness incites them sometimes to commit the most regrettable acts of violence and even homicide.

A number of insane persons, particularly the lypemaniacs, while a prey to melancholy and the poignant feelings of depression and despair call upon death to put an end to their imaginary evils.

While in this state of mind, the unfortunate lypemaniac sometimes endeavors to commit suicide and hasten that death which he finds too tardy. He is ingenious and expert in the methods of destruction which he invents, and a great deal of sagacity and care on the part of his keepers is necessary in order to frustrate his plans.