

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

To the President and Board of Management :

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith respectfully submit my Fifth Annual Report, being for the year ending 31st December, 1894.

The following is a summary of the movements of population during the period :—

	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.
In residence January 1st, 1894.....	115	76	191			
Out on trial January 1st, 1894	2	1	3			
Admitted during 1894.....	68	76	144			
Total under treatment during 1894.....	—	—	—	185	153	338
Discharged during 1894 :						
As recovered.....	30	29	59			
As improved	2	4	6			
As unimproved	2	2	4			
Total discharges during 1894.....	34	35	69			
Died during 1894	13	5	18			
Discharged on trial and still out on trial Dec. 31st, 1894.....	1	0	1	48	40	88
Remaining in residence Dec. 31st, 1894..				137	113	250
Percentage of discharges on admissions.....						47.91
Percentage of discharges on admissions, exclusive of transfers.....						57.50
Percentage of recoveries on admissions.....						40.97
Percentage of recoveries on admissions, exclusive of transfers.....						49.16
Percentage of deaths on number under treatment.....						5.32

ADMISSIONS.

The admissions for the year show an increase of 41 over those in 1893, while the total number under treatment was 338, as against 290.

Of the patients received, 63 were private and 81 public.

The City of Montreal, including the County of Hochelaga, supplied nearly one-half the admissions. Of private patients, 10 were from Ontario, 1 from Nova Scotia, 1 from Newfoundland, and 1 from the United States.

Heredity, the prime factor in the causation of insanity, was acknowledged in nearly 48 percent of the admissions, and denied in about 38 percent, while in 18 percent no information on this point was obtainable.

No less than 24 of those received were transfers, 20 of them being sent from the Beauport Asylum. None of them held out any prospect of cure, the most recent case having been a resident of Beauport over three years, the oldest over 48 years. The reception of these patients puts an end to the hope I had entertained, that the