

times as great? There was more effective service and better work done. Patients were better cared for, and the ratio of patients discharged as cured was over forty per cent. of the admissions. While at the same time the cost per head of maintenance of patients, which was \$131.53 in 1872, was now \$122.19. Then we had expended nearly five millions for agriculture — an increase from \$87,000 in 1873, to \$202,812 in 1901. And these are two of the most important matters we had to deal with, Education and Agriculture. It was needless to say that both are in a

#### Healthy and Thrifty Condition.

The people of Ontario were the best educated people on the continent, and the most progressive, skilful and successful farmers in the world. (Applause.) Any person who travelled in other provinces or states could easily see for himself evidences of the agricultural superiority of this province. And in competitive exhibits of live stock at the great expositions, Canada took a leading position, and as this province was the largest and most advanced province, of the several provinces of Confederation, her share in Canadian agricultural triumphs was the lion's share. We all remember the splendid record Canada achieved at the World's Fair, Chicago, but to come down to date the triumphs were greater still. At the Pan-American Exposition, at Buffalo, just closed, the stock raisers of the Dominion captured more prizes than all the other exhibitors from two continents put together. (Applause.) They would be interested in a comparative summary of the cash prize winnings of the United States, with the prize winnings of Canada, at the Pan-American Exposition:

|                           | U.S.       | Canada.    |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Cattle ... ..             | \$3,813 40 | \$3,111 60 |
| Sheep ... ..              | 1,390 62   | 2,152 50   |
| Swine ... ..              | 165 00     | 377 50     |
| Poultry... ..             | 1,200 00   | 1,100 00   |
| Total of United States... | \$6,569 02 |            |
| Total of Canada...        |            | 6,741 60   |

Thus they saw that Canada, with a population of less than six millions, at this great exposition took nearly \$200 more of cash prizes in the lines mentioned, than the whole of the United States, with a population of seventy-five millions. (Hear, hear.) But the records of Ontario alone, in Butter and Cheese the past year was something to be proud of. This province last year sold thirteen million dollars worth of cheese — nearly a million dollars increase over last year, and almost \$2.50 for every man, woman and child in the province. (Applause.) Ontario also sold last year butter to the value of \$1,819,000, also a handsome increase over the preceding year. Thus we had,

#### Distributed Among the Farmers

of Ontario, the large sum of \$14,480,000 for butter and cheese, showing that the province occupied a position of agricultural advancement of which we might justly be proud, and showing also that the efforts of the Government to promote a profit-bringing knowledge of agriculture in all its branches, had been attended with marked success. (Applause.)

We gave annually about \$200,000 to Hospitals and Charities. All told, nearly three and a half million had been devoted to these purposes since 1872. The sick must be cared for. Did Mr. Whitney wish to reduce the amount voted for Hospitals and Charities? If he did so, he would have to reduce or cut off the local grants. Would he reduce or cut off the amount of \$1,410.10, the sum paid last year to the Nicholls Hospi-