

Carthy as follows: "The government's business is to take care of the insane. It is our duty to take care of people until they are adjudged insane and committed to an asylum. Let us end this practice of sending insane people to jail. Public opinion in this city is one voice in this matter."

It was decided by the council that a site be secured at a cost of about \$100,000 and authority given the Board of Control to take steps towards this end. We are glad that action has been so prompt in this very important matter. There ought to be no delay, as there must be a building ready for use before the asylum disappears. It is an old saying that time does not wait on any man. Toronto must have a local asylum for acute cases.

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### THE NEW ASYLUM AT WHITBY.

The government has secured land to the extent of 600 acres overlooking the bay and lake at Whitby. On this site a series of buildings are to be erected costing in the neighborhood of \$700,000.

There will be separate cottages for male and female patients, four for each class, with capacity for fifty patients.

Cases that are mild and in an early stage will not enter the asylum proper, pending study of their condition. Convalescent patients will be cared for in proper accommodation.

Those who may be suffering from consumption will have separate accommodation. In this way it is hoped to prevent the spread of this disease.

The building is to be constructed of cement blocks made on the Guelph Industrial Farm. Much of the carpenter work is to come from the same place. The buildings are of the fireproof type.

The buildings are two miles from the station, but a siding will be run in by the Grand Trunk Railway.

All the patients who are physically fit will be kept at work on the farm or doing some useful work on the buildings. In this way employment will be found for both male and female patients. This is the plan that has been so successful at the epileptic colony at Sonya, New York.

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### THE DRUG HABIT.

From experts from the large cities of the world comes the information from time to time that the drug habit is steadily increasing. This one might expect. One of the alarming statements of recent date is from Paris, France.