

THE PROVINCIAL.

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ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE.

We have hitherto omitted to give insertion to the following document, emanating from the Commissioners of the Poor's Asylum, and having reference to a contemplated Provincial Institution for the Insane.

"Pursuant to the report of a Committee of the House of Assembly made in the session just ended, an act has passed the Legislature authorizing the Government to issue debentures to the extent of £15,000 currency, by transferrable certificates, bearing 5 per cent. interest, payable semi-annually, for the purchase of a site and the erection and completion of a suitable building to be used as a Provincial Asylum for the Insane, with which may be connected a School for the Deaf and Dumb.

The grant of money can be made available for the purpose above named so soon as £5000 is raised by private contributions. Three Commissioners, one appointed by the contributors, and two by the Government, will then proceed to carry out this laudable undertaking.

It is with feelings of the highest gratification that the Commissioners of the Poor's Asylum at Halifax, to whom for many years the want of a well-regulated institution for the comfort and relief of the Insane, has been painfully manifest, find themselves enabled at length, to communicate the above information to their fellow inhabitants of this Province.

It will be perceived that this most desirable object cannot be accomplished until the sum of £5000 be first raised by private subscription.—Towards this amount the Commissioners are happy to announce that above £1,600 have already been contributed by a liberal bequest from the late Mr. John Browne, and a donation from the Hon Hugh Bell. The amount required is therefore materially diminished.

By the returns of the census of this Province recently taken it has been ascertained that the number of afflicted individuals suffering from insanity and idiotcy amounts to nearly five hundred.

When it is reflected that these our fellow beings whose claims to sympathy and relief are acknowledged by every benevolent mind, are yet deprived of the means adopted in almost every Christian country, with a view to their restoration to health, or the amelioration of their condition, the Commissioners feel that the appeal which they now make to the public will be responded to in a manner worthy of a humane and intelligent people, who will thus cause the benign intention of the Legislature to be immediately carried into effect.