

Hospital devoted exclusively to the treatment of cases of consumption. The general hospitals are reserved for cases of acute disease and when cases become chronic or are likely to be benefitted by change they are removed to the institution at Brompton. In connection with this institution there is in process of erection an hospital for the removal of patients to the more southern parts of England at or near some sea-side watering place so as to give those patients who are likely to be relieved the benefit of change of air. This is a scheme which is not required in Montreal or at least if required would not perhaps be judicious but a hospital to relieve the Montreal General Hospital of many of its sick poor would be a great boon. It would be well for the promoters of the Western Hospital to consider the question in all its bearings and not forget the old maxim that "union is strength." The two institutions uniting and working in harmony, having one object and desire, the mutual aid of each, appears to us to be the wisest plan, as there is truth in the text that a "house divided against itself cannot stand."

DESTRUCTION OF THE BEAUPORT LUNATIC ASYLUM BY FIRE.

It is with regret we record the destruction of the greater part of the female wing of the Beauport Lunatic Asylum at Quebec and in recording this catastrophe we cannot but express our astonishment that so few lives were lost. Great credit is due to the superintendent and his assistants for having so coolly and deliberately managed the unfortunates under their care during a time of such peril and excitement.

We give below a report taken from the telegrams of the day.

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One of the most fearful conflagrations which it has been our lot to record, occurred last night at the Beauport