

It may be remembered that in their Report for 1864 the Inspectors strongly recommended—

*For Upper Canada—*

1. The completion of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum at Toronto, by the construction of the wings, etc., as proposed in the original design ;

2. The completion of the Rockwood Asylum, with the exception of certain wings not then commenced ; and—

*For Lower Canada—*

3. The building of a new and large Asylum for the western portion of Lower Canada, in place of the miserable temporary makeshift at St. Johns.

Were this amount of additional Asylum accommodation provided, it is believed, that if the proposed system of dealing with incurable lunatics could be brought at once into operation, and our present large Asylums at Toronto, Quebec, Kingston and Malden reserved for curable cases exclusively, it would not be found necessary for the Government to expend any further public moneys on the construction of Asylums for many years to come. And it must be borne in mind, that of the three important works above recommended, the two former, the extension of the Toronto Asylum and the completion of the Asylum at Rockwood, are now in progress, and that both are likely, within the next two or three years, to be finished.

It is indeed more than likely that Dr. Workman is warranted in stating, that by the time the wings of the Toronto Asylum are finished, the additional 230 or 240 beds thus provided will have applicants to fill them, as one-third of the beds will be immediately required for the patients in the University Branch, and “the remaining 150 or 160 beds will not be more than sufficient for the accumulated number of applicants who during the next three years will have been unable to obtain admission in the chief Asylum ;” and it is also likely that the Medical Superintendent may be right when he predicts that the Rockwood Asylum, when finished, will not be found much more than adequate for the number of claimants for lodgment in it, from the Eastern Counties of Upper Canada—in addition, of course, to those sent