

3,125 per thousand, or about one in every 319 of a population numbering 5,318,606 souls, exclusive of the unorganized territories. Of these 16,622 defectives, 10,883 were inmates of asylums or other institutions, making a percentage of .642 under care.

The Provinces as regards the number of their insane stood as follows:

—Prince Edward Island, 361, a proportion of 3.496 per thousand; Ontario, 7,552, or 3.459 per thousand; New Brunswick, 1,064, or 3.213 per thousand; Quebec, 5,297, or 3.212 per thousand; Nova Scotia, 1,403, or 3.052 per thousand; Manitoba, 464, or 1.818 per thousand; British Columbia, 301, or 1.684 per thousand; Northwest Territories, 180, or 1.132 per thousand.

With respect to custodial care, British Columbia ranked first, having under care, at the close of 1901, no less than 94 per cent. of the total number of those mentally incapacitated. Manitoba came next with 77 per cent. in safe-keeping. Nova Scotia stood third with 71 per cent. sheltered. Ontario was fourth with 69 per cent. in asylums. Prince Edward Island was fifth with 61 per cent. provided for. Quebec and the Northwest Territories were equal with 58 per cent. under care, and New Brunswick was eighth with 52 per cent. housed.

The following table shows the changes indicating increased custodial care, or otherwise, on the part of the several provinces, in the decade extending from 1891 to 1901. By this it will be seen that there has been a marked advance in all with the exception of New Brunswick, which remains unchanged.

Province.	In Asylum, 1891.	In Asylum, 1901.
British Columbia .....	90 per cent.	94 per cent.
Manitoba .....	55 " "	77 " "
New Brunswick .....	52 " "	52 " "
Nova Scotia .....	36 " "	71 " "
Ontario .....	58 " "	69 " "
Prince Edward Island .....	38 " "	61 " "
Quebec .....	50 " "	58 " "
Northwest Territories (Housed in Manitoba Asylums) .....	..	58 " "
Canada .....	54 per cent.	66 per cent.

#### INCREASE OF INSANITY.

Spite of the provision made for the care of the insane, from every province comes the cry for additional accommodation. Year by year