

Now, Sir, with your permission, I will make a few remarks as to my average expenditure as compared with that of Beauport and other Asylums. If from all the sums of money I have received since the inauguration of confederation in 1867 amounting to \$110,905.58—there be deducted the moneys I have paid into the Government, namely: \$1,770.42; I should be debited with \$109,135.16 in 5½ years. Let there be deducted from this amount for repairs, new buildings and improvements \$6,812.53; and the balance making \$102,322.63 will be the amount used in the maintenance of the Asylum during 5½ years, or making an average for each year of \$18,604.11. Moreover as my average number of patients for each year has been eighty this would make an average for each patient of \$232.55 per annum. But there would still have to be made allowance for expenses over which I had no control. For example, up to the present month, I have been obliged to keep a horse and man for no other purpose than for drawing water. Now, thanks to the enterprise of Louis Molleur, Esq., of this town, I have been able to sell the horse and discharge the man, thereby reducing water expenses more than one-half. Again my average expenditure for fuel has been \$1,394.62 one-half of which in a well regulated Asylum, with proper heating apparatus, would be sufficient for six or seven hundred patients. There are also to be taken into consideration my wretched apology for a laundry, my imperfect arrangements for cooking, and my want of land, there being only a simple plot of ground attached to the building, for raising vegetables. Add rents, taxes and insurance; the latter should not come out of the funds allowed for maintenance or be charged to it, and the former would not have to be paid if I had a proper Asylum.

With all these disadvantages, Sir, should it not go to the credit of my account, that out of 308 lunatics, I discharg-