

No doubt there would be several competing localities for the site of the Secondary Asylum for this district. The city of Toronto, having now a dislike for such establishments, would, of course, decline the honor.

The counties of Lincoln, Welland, Haldimand, Brant, Wentworth and Norfolk, with the city of Hamilton, have 186,177 inhabitants.

Wellington, Waterloo, Perth, Huron, Bruce and Grey, have 243,186.

Oxford, Middlesex, Elgin, Kent, Lambton and Essex, with the city of London, have 219,877.

It would be easy to name numerous suitable localities in the latter three districts; but they will be obvious to all persons acquainted with the country. The selection of a site for an Insane Asylum should never be in the hands of interested parties; consequently it should not be in those of the municipalities. All localities are sworn to be healthy by every one who has land for sale in them. Each Secondary Asylum should have a farm of not less than 100 acres—200 if possible. There should be an easily available and large supply of water; and the distance from some thriving town, affording supplies advantageously, should not be over three miles, nor under one.

Six Secondary Asylums, each built for 200 inmates, but capable of extension to 400, would be capable of accommodating those chronic cases which at present paralyze our Primary Asylums; and to each should be sent all the cases belonging to its own division. The several counties would be called on to pay for their own patients at such weekly rate as might be found sufficient. The staff of administration would not require to be numerous or expensive, nor would buildings of a costly nature be called for. The success of the system would depend mainly on judicious primary organization; and once it had made good start, it would not, under a careful governmental supervision, be found to retrograde. I cannot, however, withhold expression of my conviction, that the appointment of the heads of these institutions should be held by the government, and never entrusted to elective corporations; and every subordinate appointment should be in the hands of the respective heads. On no other plan could efficiency, perfect

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