

where it had its inception, in 1876, in a building originally designed for an hotel. This structure was replaced by a new and modern establishment in 1887.

In the Province of Lower Canada, now Quebec, the Quebec Lunatic Asylum, formerly known as Beauport Asylum, is the oldest of the institutions for the insane, the progenitor of the present structure having been opened, during 1845, in the old manor-house of the Seigneur of Beauport, which stood about a mile from the present establishment. Its creation was due to Dr. James Douglas, an uncle of my immediate predecessor in this chair, Dr. Joseph Morrin and Dr. Charles J. Fremont, but it is now the property of the Sisters of Charity.

The second of the Quebec asylums, L'Hopital St. Jean de Dieu, or, as it is usually called, Longue Pointe Asylum, is situated a few miles east of Montreal, and also belongs to the Sisters of Charity. It originated in a very humble way in 1852, its capacity at that time not exceeding twenty-five patients. This being found quite inadequate to meet the ever-increasing demands upon their charity, the sisters, with the sanction of the Government, determined to take up the work of caring for the insane on a greatly enlarged scale. The result was the erection of a new St. Jean de Dieu Asylum, which was opened in 1875. This institution was completely destroyed by fire in 1890, no less than seventy-five patients and five sisters losing their lives in the conflagration. Undeterred by this disaster, the Sisters lost no time in beginning the erection of the third St. Jean de Dieu Asylum. This, the present establishment, which is fully up to date in construction and equipment, was opened in 1901.

The third Quebec institution, rightfully called the Protestant Hospital for the Insane, though generally spoken of as Verdun Hospital, was founded by a number of the charitably disposed Protestant citizens of Montreal for the relief of their co-religionists then confined in Beauport and Longue Pointe asylums. It was opened for the reception of patients in 1890.

Quebec has in addition two institutions which receive idiots as well as some aged and infirm paupers. These are L'Hospice St. Julien, located at St. Ferdinand d'Halifax and Baie St. Paul Asylum, situated at Baie St. Paul. Both belong to the Sisters of Charity, the former having been opened for the reception of idiots in 1873, the latter in 1890.

Prince Edward Island stands fourth, and Nova Scotia fifth, on the list with regard to the date of beginning special provision for the insane. The hospital of the former dates back to 1847, and of the latter to 1858, since which time Nova Scotia has increased its accommodation for the