

measured by the means of the State called upon to receive them in its public institutions.

In accordance with these premises, I say that we are bound to receive the insane in our asylums, and that our asylum accommodation not being adequate to our wants, we are, by necessity, obliged to crowd these institutions as much as they can be, without incurring an immediate danger for the general health of their inmates.

The space (cubic) allotted to every patient in the Toronto Asylum is larger than in many foreign institutions, and about double what it is in the Lower Canada Asylum at Beauport. True it is that the internal arrangements, the situation, and the ventilation are better in the Beauport main building than they are at Toronto; but, at the same time, I firmly believe, that as no accidents have happened at Beauport from the constant crowding of an average number of 425 patients, there will be no great danger in allowing the same number of patients to be accommodated in the Toronto Provincial Asylum, with double the space (the average at Toronto at present is about 550). The question of the relative merits of asylum accommodation for both Lower and Upper Canada is fully discussed in the Annual Report of the Board for 1862. In that Report the Inspectors expressed their opinion, that about 50 additional beds could be added to the number already occupied in the main asylum at Toronto. Therefore, in *conclusion*, I am of opinion that room can be made at the Toronto Asylum for the five female lunatics referred to in the documents put in my hands for report, and that, irrespective of a certain number of beds to be kept always in readiness for sudden acute cases, as stated in Dr. Workman's letter, and without interfering with the power of selection very properly given to the Medical Superintendent by the by-laws of the institution.

(Signed,)

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Inspector of Asylums, &c.

Quebec, 27th July, 1863.

The following description of the system of heating and ventilation of the Beauport Asylum, is taken from a Report furnished to me by Mr. C. S. Eastwood, Steward of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, in March, 1862:—

The system of heating (in the Beauport Asylum) is a mixed one; stoves, furnaces, and steam-pipes, each being used. They seem to prefer the steam-pipes, as they have abandoned the use of three