

# INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

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PROVINCIAL LUNATIC ASYLUM, TORONTO,

*And University Branch.*

This Asylum was inspected by me on the 28th December, 9th July and 11th October, besides frequent visits of a special character during the year. My visit in July extended over a week, on which, as on every occasion, the whole institution was a model of cleanliness, good order, and excellent administration.

The population of the main Asylum on that day was 442, viz., 231 men, and 211 women. Of that number it is painful to record that over 300 were, beyond doubt, incurable Lunatics, with a considerable number of cases of a doubtful character. I saw every patient in the Asylum, and entered into conversation with many of them. With the exception of that class whose special form of malady will not at times admit of contentment and repose, which exists chiefly with females, the patients were exceedingly quiet and tranquil, many of them happy and cheerful, a very marked improvement had taken place in the mental condition of some of the patients as compared with their state at my previous visit.

The general appearance of the inmates would indicate that strict attention was paid to their personal cleanliness, their clothing was very comfortable, although it must be admitted that the dress of the men would have had a more pleasing effect, and less prison like, if a little more variety was introduced.

I was present on many occasions during meal time, the food was good and substantial in quality, with a plentiful supply. In the more orderly wards, the meals were served very neatly, although a better classification of the patients on these occasions would be very desirable.

The sanitary condition of the Asylum was reported by Dr. Workman to be good; with the exception of the very aged and infirm patients, I found very few in bed.