

Government of Canada, it is distinctly laid down, on the 19th page, that is equally necessary for ventilation that there should be allowed for each patient 1000 cubic feet of space in associated wards, and 1500 in single rooms, in temperate climates.

Now, many of the single rooms (see the attics of the main building and the rooms in the sheds attached to the Richardson House) do not contain one-half of 1000 cubic feet; some of them I believe to contain under 300 feet, and these are occupied by dirty patients, and are deficient in ventilation.

The condition of these attics and sheds is discreditable to the people and Government of Canada; and unless the proprietors of the Asylum have remonstrated with the Government against sending so many patients to it, which one of the proprietors tells me they have done, a share of the discredit attaches to them also. The paper above alluded strongly urges the furnishing of various means of employment and amusement for the insane.

I would suggest the erection of a shed in each of the yards attached to the Richardson House, to protect the patients from the sun when they are out of doors.

(Signed,) ROBERT HAMILTON,  
*Commissioner.*

(Copy.)

16th September, 1864.—I have this day inspected the Asylum. Its terribly crowded condition ought to be, in my humble opinion, the cause of uneasiness and unhappiness to all who are either directly or indirectly interested in the institution. I fear that the probabilities of recovery for any in such a crowd are very small. The total number of patients is now 556.

(Signed,) ROBERT HAMILTON,  
*Commissioner.*

To the Hon. William McDougall, Prov. Sec., &c., &c., &c.

SIR,—I beg to transmit to you copies of certain remarks which, as one of the Commissioners appointed to superintend the Beauport Lunatic Asylum, I have deemed it my duty to enter, on my last two visits, in the book kept at the Asylum by the Commissioners for recording their visits of inspection.

I beg to state that the proprietors of the Asylum have commenced the erection of new building, and most respectfully to suggest that being intended for Government or public patients, the Government should see the plans, &c, according to which the building is to be erected, in order that as great provision as possible may be made for the comfort health and amusement (a very important point) of the inmates.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed,) ROBERT HAMILTON.

Quebec, 23rd September, 1864.

QUEBEC, 5th January, 1865.

SIR,—The Commissioners, considering the very crowded state of the Beauport Lunatic Asylum, deem it incumbent on them to suggest very respectfully to His Excellency the Governor General the propriety, even the necessity, of relieving the said Asylum by temporarily removing to the Asylum lately established by Mr. Wakeham, on the St. Foy Road, as many patients as Mr. Wakeham can receive with a due regard to the health and comfort of the patients.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. LEMOINE,  
*Secretary, C. B. L. A.*

The Honorable William McDougall,  
Provincial Secretary, &c., &c.