

water finally tapped turn out of no better quality than that which flows from another bore in London, on the edge of the river behind the court-house, we shall have a second edition of the Car-Company's success.

As to the Hamilton Asylum supply of water, it will be of good quality and will require *only three pumpings* to reach the top of the building; but men of ordinary foresight would have supposed it would have been better and cheaper, to have built the asylum some place nearer Lake Ontario, where the water might have been obtainable at a much easier lift, and at much less cost. Be it observed too that the very same difficulty will have to be encountered in the delivery from the city of every article of household supply.

Another very serious evil in the ill-chosen sites of both the London and the Hamilton Asylums, is the impossibility of carrying off the sewage to any available and innocuous out-flow. Already the residents and property owners in the vicinity of the London Asylum are taking legal steps to compel the Government to free them from the nuisance discharged through their grounds. A very short time will elapse before the like complication will be met with at Hamilton. Doubtless, however, we shall be regaled with some very sage suggestions as to the deodorising and utilizing, for agricultural purposes, of the sewage of these two establishments. If the success prove no better than it has done at some places in the Old Country, the experiment had better be left untried. In the direction of any large institution, just as in the government of any large town, *sanitary* considerations ought to be paramount to all others. Get away, therefore, as fast and as far as possible, with everything that may prove detrimental to health; no amount of benefit to the land or crops of an asylum or hospital farm, can compensate for the injury done to the health of the inmates by the breathing of air charged with the gaseous emanations of excrementitious reservoirs, situated within any moderate distance.

The Toronto Asylum was, (by mere accident,) located, so far as related to abundant and cheap water supply, and to facility of discharge of its sewage, in a very good position; but a most shameful, or indeed, as I might well say, murderous blunder was made in the selection of the place of discharge of the latter. It may appear to your intelligent readers incredible, yet it was the horrible fact, that the main sewer from the asylum, carrying off all the foul fluids and excrementitious matter from 450 human beings, and a large number of cattle, emptied its contents into the lake within 100 feet of the point