

APPENDIX.

Regulations for the admission of Patients to the Nova Scotia Hospital for the Insane.

Whenever the admission of a patient is desired, application should be made to the Medical Superintendent, who will at once transmit a blank form (the Statement). This form may be made out by the Physician, nearest relative, or friend, and the questions therein carefully and accurately written out, as it is the chief source on which reliance can be placed, in so far as the previous history and present condition of the patient is concerned, and is entered in the records of the Hospital.

On receipt of the Statement, an answer will be transmitted. If the case be one suitable for admission, two blank forms of Medical Certificate, and a blank Warrant in case of Patient chargeable to the County, or a blank form of Bond for private Patient, will be sent to the applicant.

The Medical Certificates must be made out by duly qualified Medical Practitioners (those whose names are annually published in the "Royal Gazette") or they cannot be received. *See clause 20.*

These certificates empower two County Magistrates to make out the Warrant and commit the insane person to this Hospital.

N. B.—In any County in which the Municipal Council has appointed Magistrates to commit insane paupers to the Hospital for Insane, two of these so appointed must sign the Warrant.

Upon presentation of proper Medical Certificates and Warrant, or Bond, to the Commissioners of Public Charities, an Order of Admission will be furnished, with which order and other papers accompanying the patient, admission at the Hospital follows.

There has been no change in the mode of admission since the opening of this institution, and the above explanation is given in order that friends of patients may not be inconvenienced, as not infrequently happens with some who, from want of knowledge or enquiry, think that doctors' certificates and a warrant are all that are required for the admission of a patient, and also of others who assume that the Superintendent has powers that the Act does not give to him.

In a crowded state of the Hospital, the commissioners must give the preference of admission to presumably curable cases.

Two good suits of clothing, at least, should be sent with every patient. A third suit for occasional use is very desirable.