

time a quantity of imported potatoes affected with the European rot, was purchase for the use of the patients, and shortly afterwards several cases of severe dysentery and other formidable diseases of the digestive organs evincing a marked typhoid type occurred. I ordered the residue of this poisonous diet-stock, amounting to about 125 bushels, to be buried. The health of the patients speedily returned to its wonted state.

The mortality for the year, (being 34 deaths in a total of 594 cases under treatment,) has been equal to 5.72 per cent.

The average annual mortality in the County Asylums of England for the last five years preceeding 1857, is shown by Parliamentary Returns to have been 11.27 per cent.

The Asylum building still remains incomplete, and the portion now existing is overcrowded to a dangerous extent. In April, 1855, the visiting commissioners addressed a memorial to His Excellency the Governor General, praying for the grant of an appropriate sum of money for the erection of the wings of the Asylum, according to the original approved plans of the Architect, and in accordance with this request a grant of £25,000 was included in the Act of supplies for that year.

The Asylum is now still more crowded than it was at the above period, and the pressure for admission of new patients is much greater. About 60 applications, from various parts of the Province, at present press for vacancies; several of these cases are temporarily provided for by incarceration in the County Goals, and many of the remanider are perhaps less comfortably lodged, and less judiciously treated at home. Nor can the above number be regarded as indicating the full extent of the exigency of the insane of Western Canada, as many persons are deterred from making

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