

present population of 5,581, and since 1867 over 20,000 patients have been admitted.

Similarly, the work under the Charity Aid Act has grown year by year since 1870, when the annual grant amounted to \$40,510.00, distributed among 8 Hospitals, 2 Refuges, 10 Orphan Asylums, or 20 institutions in all; while in 1904, the grant amounted to \$191,217.01, and the number of institutions inspected was: 61 Hospitals, 41 Refuges, 32 Orphan Asylums, or 134 in all.

As regards the two branches which come directly under the writer's notice, viz., that of Board of Health and Registrar-General, great advances have been made, and the work done to-day requires a staff double that of ten years ago, while the work has increased proportionately.

An idea of the importance of these branches doing medical service may be found, when it is stated that out of a total expenditure of \$126,304,750.00, since Confederation, there had been expended in maintenance for

Hospitals for the Mentally Diseased.....	\$21,535,083.05
Hospitals and Charities.....	4,203,367.86
Total	<u>\$25,738,450.91</u>

while during the same period the expenditures under the following heads have been for

Education	\$20,992,576.39
Administration of Justice.....	11,448,351.91
Agriculture	5,418,366.76

or to put it concisely, allowing for expenditures in the other branches of a medical character, more than one-fifth of the total expenditure of the province since Confederation has been in branches which have to do with the health of the people of this province.

It must be further remembered that the expenditure on Capital account for the Hospitals for the Mentally Diseased has been \$4,784,680.48, or a total expenditure on this account alone of over twenty-five millions of dollars.

To show that this proportion of one-fifth of all expenditures devoted to branches that may be classed under the title of "Health," is not too high, the following figures, taken from the Public Accounts of 1904, are submitted in detail. Summarized, they are as follows:

Civil Government.....	\$ 61,424.11
Public Institutions.....	951,434.04
Hospitals and Charities, etc.....	236,592.27
Public Buildings.....	195,425.27
Total.....	<u>\$1,444,876.17</u>