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THE PUBLIC ASYLUMS OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

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[Dr. D. Hack Tuke of London, the well-known alienist and author, visited Canada with the British Association. He inspected all the lunatic asylums in Ontario and Quebec. The reports of his visits to Longue Pointe and to Beauport he forwarded to the Hon. the Provincial Secretary. With his permission, we publish these, as they cannot fail to interest our readers.—ED.]

LONGUE POINTE ASYLUM.

On the 30th of August last I visited the lunatic asylum at Longue Pointe, seven miles from Montreal, called the *Hospice des Alienés de St. Jean de Dieu*. It was built by the Sœurs de Providence, and opened in 1876. The Province of Quebec contracts with them to maintain the lunatic poor* in one of the two parts of the Province into which it is divided; the asylum at Beauport, near Quebec, providing similarly for the other district. Private patients are admitted. The building, which, surmounted by three cupolas, is a prominent object from the St. Lawrence in approaching Montreal from Quebec, is built of red

* At the rate of 100 dollars or £20 per annum per head at Montreal and 130 dollars at Quebec—a very insufficient sum, it would seem, for board, lodging and clothing. I understand that the money originally borrowed of the Provincial Government by the Montreal Asylum has been refunded, and that money has been borrowed from private quarters to assist in the erection of the additional buildings.