

history. St. Michael's Hospital has been refusing to take any more patients for some weeks. The Western Hospital has erected a large tent on its lawns for the accommodation of fifteen consumptive patients.

NEW HOSPITAL FOR ST. STEPHEN'S, NEW BRUNSWICK.—On the afternoon of the 4th of February, a fine new hospital was opened at St. Stephen's by the Hon. L. J. Tweedie, Premier of the Province. The Hospital is situated on the banks of the St. Croix River, a short distance below the town, and is said to be a very fine location. The grounds and buildings were formerly the Chipman homestead, and have been presented to the town of St. Stephen's by Lady Tilley and other heirs of the Chipman Estate.

THE report of the Inspector of Lunatic Asylums for the Province of Ontario shows that on the 30th of September, 1901, there were 4,604 patients in these institutions, as compared with 3,318 in 1890. Toronto Asylum has 724; London, 1,034; Kingston, 509; Hamilton, 1,029; Mimico, 605; and Brockville, 613. While the provincial population has increased from 1,396,091 to 2,182,942, or 56 per cent. in the last forty years, the official insane and idiotic population has increased from 1,631 to 5,880, or 260 per cent.

AN INTERESTING MEDICO-LEGAL CASE IN MONTREAL.—A short time ago a clergyman died intestate in the city of Montreal, worth \$95,000, which he had inherited from his first wife. A short time after his death his widow gave birth to a son, who died about six hours after its birth. Upon the viability of the child born during the past few months depends the dispensation of the estate. Other heirs claim that the child was not born viable; and physicians will be called in to give evidence upon the viability accordingly.

THE following appointments have recently been made to the staff of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal: Dr. A. G. Nichols, Assistant Pathologist; Dr. G. P. Girdwood, Director of the Medical-Electrical Department of the Hospital; Drs. H. B. Cushing and F. M. Fry, Clinical Assistants in Medicine; Drs. A. Shirres and A. A. Robertson, Clinical Assistants in Neurology; Dr. E. A. Archibald, Clinical Assistant in Surgery; Dr. F. W. Harvey, Clinical Assistant in Ophthalmology; Dr. W. H. Jamieson, Clinical Assistant in Laryngology; Dr. H. B. Yates, Clinical Assistant in Bacteriology; Dr. A. A. Bruere, Director of the Clinical Laboratory; Dr. H. B. Cushing, Medical Registrar; Dr. F. B. Jones, Clinical Assistant in the Clinical Laboratory.