

tendants,* we find the following:—"Dr. James Douglas, of Quebec, said, in Quebec they had 566 patients, and 70 attendants, and during the year they consumed 300 tons of coal and 300 cords of wood. *They had 300 cubic feet space to each individual patient.*" If this statement be true, we have then the best evidence, viz. that of Dr. Douglas himself, that the Report of the Commissioners as to cubic space is strictly correct. Further comment is unnecessary. We will leave the facts as they are to be judged of by the impartial reader. We merely allude to this subject in our own justification, as Dr. Douglas has thought proper to give us the lie; adding, that we have suppressed the truth for a consideration.

With reference to the sickness and deaths, we desire to say a few words. The mortality of asylums, as of hospitals, has immediate relation to the character of the cases of diseases admitted, whether acute or chronic. The Provincial Lunatic Asylum at Toronto is in immediate connection with two branch asylums, University and Orillia, where incurable cases are sent from the main asylum, which latter is reserved for the treatment of acute cases. The following table is compiled from the report of the Inspectors for the year 1863:

<i>Name of Asylum.</i>	<i>Total No. Inmates, 1863.</i>	<i>Discharged.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Ratio.</i>
Toronto,	} 582	87	25 = 1 death to	23 $\frac{7}{2}$
University Branch,				
Orillia	139	3	4 = 1	" 34 $\frac{1}{2}$
Malden,	249	14	9 = 1	" 27 $\frac{2}{3}$
Rockwood,	110	8	4 = 1	" 27 $\frac{1}{2}$
Beauport,	574	30	42 = 1	" 13 $\frac{2}{3}$
St. Johns,	82	11	9 = 1	" 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

Thus we find that in the year 1863 the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, at Toronto, with its two branches, had under care and treatment 721 insane persons; of these, 90 were discharged and 29 died. The asylum at Beauport, with a total under treatment and care of 574, discharged 30 and there were 42 deaths. This certainly does appear a large average for an institution which is not devoted exclusively to the treatment of cases of acute mania. We put it in the very mildest way possible; we are not in any way desirous of doing the least injury to either the asylum or its proprietors; but not even for "a consideration" will we suppress truth, or remain silent, when the principles involved are of such moment to the whole country. We do not wish to go further in this matter; we do not

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