

The building was officially opened by his Honor, Lieut.-Governor Gibson, on 19th June. The Board of Trustees are entitled to the warmest congratulations of the public.

THE WHITBY HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

This great institution is unique in many ways. The first feature is that it is the most modern in plan of any such institution in the world. It is intended to do for the insane more than has been accomplished heretofore anywhere else. Hon. Mr. Hanna, who took the lead in the Prison Farm at Guelph, was also the moving spirit in this great movement.

It must be understood, in the first place, that the Provincial prison at Guelph is a manufacturing proposition, the Hospital for the Insane at Whitby is essentially agricultural. The Whitby farm comprises some 640 acres purchased eighteen months ago at a cost of about \$85,000. The growth of the City of Toronto and the general encroachments of industrial activities upon the precincts of what has heretofore been known as the Queen Street Asylum influenced the Department to make a change, and after a number of sites had been investigated the one at Whitby was decided upon.

The leading feature in the treatment of the insane at Whitby is the outdoor employment that will be furnished them. They will be kept employed at light farming. This year about 130 acres are under cultivation. It has been observed that such a life is the best for the insane, and does most for their recovery, and, when curable, does most for their health and happiness.

There is a complete separation between the farm and the construction work. A great deal of the building is being done by prisoners from the Guelph farm. There are about ninety-five prisoners on the place now engaged in excavating for foundations, constructing the sewage disposal and filtration plants, carpentering, hauling material and a score of other occupations.

The situation is a beautiful one. The farm is to the west of Whitby, fronting on Lake Ontario, and sloping gently to the shore. The buildings are on a slight rise of the ground looking to the south. The grounds around the buildings are dotted with orchards, shrubs, hedge rows, and a fine group of pines.

The buildings are being arranged on the unit system of cottages with one central administration building. Shrubbery and garden sur-