

grant or refuse such request, and shall give notice thereof to the parties interested.

5. Idiots and imbecile persons shall not be admitted as Government patients into asylums, unless they be dangerous or a source of scandals, subject to attacks of epilepsy or afflicted with any monstrous deformity.

6. At the commencement of each month, the visiting physician of the asylum, after having demanded the written opinion of the proprietor or superintendent of the asylum, or of the physician employed by them, as to the mental condition of the patient, shall send in a report to the Provincial Secretary as to the patients who, in his opinion, should be discharged, and shall forward with the said report the information in writing on the subject which shall be supplied by the proprietor or resident physician of the asylum. On this report of the physician, the Provincial Secretary shall forward to the proprietors of the asylum an order to set such patients at liberty, and such order must be carried out within eight days of the receipt thereof, and at the expiration of the said eight days, the patient shall no longer be kept at Government expense.

7. For the purposes of the preceding section, the visiting physician shall, at all times, have access to every part of the lunatic asylum under his control, and he may also, when he deems it necessary, and at suitable times, take communication of the registers in which the names of the patients are inscribed, as well as of all documents or books relating to the Government patients.

8. Any person who has the legal charge of a patient in an asylum may obtain his release by addressing to the Provincial Secretary a petition, accompanied by a declaration, by which he shall bind himself to take care of the patient. Whenever the Provincial Secretary shall be convinced by the report of the visiting physician that the patient may be discharged without danger, he shall give an order in consequence, which shall be executed and at the expense of such relative, guardian or friend.

9. The above provisions do not apply to lunatics who are detained under the provisions of chapter 109 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, nor to those of the Act 32nd and 33rd Vict., chap. 29, and its amendments.

10. Whenever the Sheriff or other competent officer shall have reported to the Provincial

Secretary that any person detained in any of the prisons of this Province for any cause whatsoever is insane, the Provincial Secretary shall cause such insane person to be examined by one of the visiting physicians of the asylum, or by any other physician by him appointed, and if the report of such physician establishes the insanity of such prisoner, the Provincial Secretary shall recommend his removal to a lunatic asylum, and the Lieutenant-Governor may issue his warrant in consequence.

11. Every visiting physician shall forward with his report the certificate of the physician of the prison, which shall be to the same effect as the certificate required by the above section three, and according to form B, annexed to the present Act.

12. On the report of a visiting physician or any other physician appointed for such purpose, with the information supplied by the proprietors or resident physicians which may accompany the same, establishing that a lunatic confined in an asylum under the authority of chapter 109 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, or of the Act 32nd and 33rd Vict., chap. 39, has recovered the use of his reason, the Lieutenant-Governor shall, on the recommendation of the Provincial Secretary, and according to the circumstances, order that such person so detained be discharged, or that he be brought back to gaol to stand his trial or to have his sentence carried out.

13. The present commission of the Beauport Lunatic Asylum is hereby abolished, all laws, orders in council or agreements to the contrary notwithstanding, and all documents, registers and papers regarding the insane, and which are now in the possession of the secretary of the said commission, shall be handed over by the said secretary, after ten days notice to that effect, to the Provincial Secretary's office, and no other commission can be appointed in future notwithstanding any act or statute passed up to the present Act.

14. The proprietors of each of the said asylums must appoint and keep at their own expense a physician, who shall reside in such asylum or in its immediate neighborhood.

15. All acts inconsistent with the provisions of the present Act are hereby repealed.

16. The present Act shall come into force on the day of the sanction thereof.