

REPORT
OF THE
Provincial Lunatic Asylum,
AT TORONTO,
FOR THE YEAR 1860.

PROVINCIAL LUNATIC ASYLUM, TORONTO.

To the Inspectors of Asylums, Prisons, &c., &c., of Canada.

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with the provisions of the Statute relating to the government of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, at Toronto, I have the honor of presenting to your Board, the following Report on the operations and condition of the Institution.

The Asylum was first opened, as a temporary establishment for the relief of the insane, on 21st January, 1841, in the old gaol, in the centre of the city,—a building in every respect unsuitable to the purpose to which it was, from mere necessity at that time, appropriated. In the course of a few years it was found requisite to occupy two other buildings, within the City, as Branch Asylums, until the completion of a portion of the building destined for the future lodgment of the insane of Western Canada, which was commenced in 1845, and was entered on 26th January, 1850; at which date 112 patients were transferred to it from the three temporary establishments, above noticed. The same fact has been realized here as in all other places where asylums have been entered when only half built; and it is