

I would suggest the erection of a shed in each of the yards attached to the Richardson House, to protect the patients from the sun when they are out of doors.

ROBERT HAMILTON,  
*Commissioner.*

*July 19th, 1864.*—My visit to-day has given me nothing to report but what is favorable to the Asylum.

JOS. PAINCHAUD,  
*Commissioner.*

*16th September, 1864.*—I have this day inspected the Asylum. Its terribly crowded condition ought to be, in my humble opinion, the cause of uneasiness and unhappiness to all who are either directly or indirectly interested in the institution. I fear that the probabilities of recovery for any in such a crowd are very small. The total number of patients is now 556.

ROBERT HAMILTON,  
*Commissioner.*

*21st September, 1864.*—I have this day visited the different wards of the Asylum, and found everything clean and in perfect order.

JOSEPH BOWLES,  
*Commissioner.*

*Quebec, 16th November, 1864.*—Visited the Asylum this day, and found the whole of it in good order, especially as respects the cleanliness and good appearance of the patients.

A. B. SIROIS.

*Quebec, 10th December, 1864.*—Visited the different wards of the Asylum, and found everything in good order.

E. B. LINDSAY.

Visited the Asylum this day, 4th February, 1865, and found it all in as good order as possible, considering the large number of patients.

A. B. SIROIS.

*11th February, 1865.*—I have this day inspected the Asylum in all its parts, including the two cottages; the total number of inmates being 557 (not including 65 servants). While the Asylum continues in its present terribly over-crowded condition, I refrain from any remark, except that such condition is, in my humble opinion, unfair to those who have the superintendence of it, and most unjust to the inmates; for those who might recover their sanity under favorable circumstances as to classification, &c., &c., have no chance here.

ROBERT HAMILTON,  
*Commissioner.*

QUEBEC, 9th July, 1862.

SIR,—I am desired by the Commissioners for the superintendence of the Lunatic Asylum at Beauport, again to call the attention of His Excellency the Governor General to the great number of the patients in that establishment.

The Commissioners are still of opinion that the present buildings of that institution are not sufficient to accommodate properly more than 400 patients, as they had the honor to represent in a letter dated the 12th of October last, addressed to the Honorable Mr. Provincial Secretary Alleyne.

Although this crowding does not appear to have yet produced very bad results, still if an epidemic were to break out in the establishment, it is impossible to foresee what disastrous results it might have.