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WE may reasonably suppose that our Government have determined on not affording asylum accommodation in or near the city of Montreal. And now that a late member of the Government has been suddenly converted into an Asylum proprietor, by the purchase of Dr. Douglas' share of the Beauport Asylum by Mr. ex-Commissioner of Crown Lands Cauchon, we may presume that a person possessing at least the sympathies of his former colleagues will be able to bring such pressure on the members of the Executive as will crush out all the feeble attempts to do justice to this section of the Lower Province in respect to this question.

We hope that Mr. ex-Commissioner of Crown Lands Cauchon will, as plain Mr. Cauchon of the Beauport Asylum, post himself up on the question of cubic space, and not be led into the error, as was the case with his predecessor, Dr. Douglas, of asserting, before an assembled concourse of *savans*, that his patients have each 300 cubic feet of breathing space. But perhaps our present proprietor will ignore all such low and ill remunerative questions which involve the health and lives of the unfortunates, but which are of very little importance after all, because he has embarked a certain amount of capital in the concern, simply regarding the return likely to accrue, and not caring whether the inmates have 10 cubic feet space or 10,000. These *minor* points he is not expected to debate. There is an imperative duty imposed on us, as public journalists, to repeat the oft-told tale of over-crowding, which, in spite of the increased accommodation in the Beauport Lunatic Asylum, still appears to exist. In the last report of the Prison Inspectors, Mr. Ferres, one of the inspectors, says, in regard to the Beauport Asylum: "I was somewhat taken by surprise to observe that it was accompanied, even while works were advancing, with a continued addition to the numbers, so that *when it was fully completed*, (the italics are ours), the same and indeed worse over-crowding still remained."