

REPORT

OF THE

Inspectors of Asylums, &c.,

FOR THE YEAR 1863.

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### LUNATIC ASYLUM, TORONTO.

The inspectors have invariably found this asylum in the best possible order, and they are happy once more to pay a just tribute to the devotedness and zeal of Dr. Workman and his assistants.

The principal improvement effected in the material appliances of this establishment, has been the construction of draught-chimneys for the immediate ventilation of the water closets, and consequently for the immediate ventilation of the adjoining rooms. The inspectors, at all of their visits, were impressed with the necessity of this improvement, and the medical superintendent was requested by them to prepare a report on the subject. The plan adopted by Dr Workman has been almost fully carried out during the year, by means of savings effected in the ordinary expenditure, from the legislative grant. The inspectors have no doubt whatever as to the result of this measure. It must, to a great extent, remove the offensive air, with which some of the rooms in the asylum were at times infected, and which the inspectors themselves have frequently found. This was more especially the case during a night visit, to which the superintendent had specially invited them, in order to make them fully aware of the lack of ventilation, and thereby convince them of the absolute necessity of providing at least a partial remedy for the evil.

Apart from this notable improvement, the material appliances of this asylum remain as stated in previous reports. For detailed information relative to the events of 1863, the inspectors cannot do better than refer to the report hereunto annexed of the medical superintendent of the institution.

Dr. Workman, looking at matters from the extreme point of view of a lunacist, and of a lunacist who makes the interest of his