

REPORT

Of S. A. Armstrong, Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities of Ontario for the year 1907.

GENERAL OPERATIONS.

On December 31st, 1907, exclusive of insane persons in the Homewood Sanitarium at Guelph, there were in the Hospitals for the Insane and the Hospital for Idiots of Ontario 5,315 insane persons and 775 idiots and feeble-minded, divided as follows:—

Males	2,931
Females	3,159

The net increase for the year was 178.

During the past year a special effort has been made by all the Superintendents to provide accommodation for, and to facilitate the demands of, the constantly increasing number of patients for whom application for admission had been made in the usual way, or who had been certified as insane under magistrates' warrants. The accommodation has been taxed to the utmost to meet the demands, and the increase in the number of patients, as above, is probably indicative of what may be anticipated in the future.

REVENUE.

The revenue collected from paying patients during the year amounted to \$166,419.63, a net increase of \$1,015.55. To this must be added the sum of \$90,038.80, being the amount chargeable against the municipalities, under 6 Edward VII., Chap. 9, towards the maintenance of patients for whom there is paid less than \$1.50 a week, making a total revenue for the year of \$256,458.43.

The number of patients for whom maintenance was contributed during the year was, 1,797, a net increase of 69.

MOVEMENTS OF PATIENTS.

The daily average number of patients in the Provincial Hospitals during the year was 6,053.

The total number of admissions, 1,162, of which number 262 were admitted to Toronto Hospital.

The total number of discharges during the year was 537.

The total number of deaths was 413.

The condition of patients discharged during the year was:—

Discharged, recovered	312
Discharged, improved	177
Discharged, unimproved	48

Total

537

INCREASED ACCOMMODATION.

As a result of the appropriation made by the Legislature at its last session the re-building of one of the buildings in connection with the Penetang Hospital was commenced during the year. It is anticipated that by May 1st of the present year the building will be ready for occupancy. This will give increased accommodation for approximately 120 patients and will somewhat relieve the congestion at present existing in other Provincial Hospitals.