
Extracts from Minutes of the Commissioners of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum at Toronto; and of the papers connected with the injuries sustained by Dr. Rees, in consequence of the attacks on him by certain lunatic patients in the Asylum.

PROVINCIAL LUNATIC ASYLUM,
Saturday, January 24th, 1846.

A special meeting of the Commissioners, called by the Chairman.

Present:—The Vice-Chancellor, the Sheriff, the Rev. H. J. Grasett, Dr. Gwynne, Dr. Beaumont, Messieurs Ewart, Eastwood, Cawthra, and O'Beirne—The Vice-Chancellor in the Chair.

It was moved by Dr. Gwynne and seconded by Dr. Beaumont, and Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of the Rev. H. J. Grasett, Dr. Gwynne and Mr. Eastwood, be appointed by the Board for the purpose of examining into the circumstances under which the injuries said to be sustained by Dr. Rees in the discharge of his duties as Medical Superintendent of the Asylum, were inflicted, with a view to some future representation of his case to the Government.

THURSDAY, January 29th, 1846.

Commissioners met.

Present:—The Vice-Chancellor, the Rev. H. Grasett, Rev. Mr. Hay, Mr. Sheriff Jarvis, Messieurs Ewart, Eastwood and O'Beirne, and Dr. Beaumont.

The Committee appointed by a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, at their meeting held on the 24th day of January, 1846, to investigate the circumstances under which certain injuries sustained by Dr. Rees were inflicted, met.

The Committee beg leave to report, That after a minute and careful examination of such of the officers and servants of the Institution as were from their positions, in the opinion of the committee, likely to be cognizant of the circumstances under which the severe injuries sustained by Dr. Rees, and described in the medical certificates of Professor Beaumont and Dr. Grasett, were inflicted; they are unanimously of opinion, that these injuries were sustained by that gentleman when in the discharge of his official duties as Medical Superintendent of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum.

For the information of the Board, the Committee hereunto append the names of the individuals examined by them, together with an abstract of the evidence given by each severally, in order that the Board may comprehend the grounds upon which the foregoing conclusion is arrived at.

At a subsequent meeting of the Commissioners for Superintending the temporary Provincial Lunatic Asylum at Toronto, the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That after a full investigation of the facts alleged by Dr. Rees, in support of his memorial to His Excellency the Governor General, with a view of obtaining some permanent relief, in consideration of impaired health, from injuries received while in the discharge of his duties as Medical Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, we are unanimously of opinion that the statement submitted to them in his intended memorial is well founded, and most respectfully recommend the same to the generous consideration of His Excellency.

ROBERT S. JAMESON,
Chairman

The Hon. the Vice-Chancellor to Sir A. N. McNAB.

TORONTO, 12th May, 1852.

MY DEAR SIR ALLAN,—As I know you have already advocated the interests of Dr. Rees, and you are not exactly the sort of man to be wearied with well-doing, you will