

Until the proposed new wings are completed, and ready for reception of patients, our means of admission will be equal merely to the annual number of deaths, *plus* say one-half of a constantly decreasing number of admissions—that is to say, *plus* the constantly decreasing number of discharges. In other words, whilst the general population of the country will be constantly increasing, and the want of Asylum lodgment correspondingly increasing, the means of meeting this want will be constantly decreasing. The new wings will accommodate 230 or 240 patients. The University authorities are most urgent in their endeavours to have the building in the Queen's Park emptied of lunatics; so that nearly one-third of the beds in the new wing will be wanted for the patients of the branch Asylum. The remaining 150 or 160 new beds will not be sufficient for the accumulated number of applicants, who will have been unable in the next three years to obtain admission to the chief Asylum; and, still worse, a very large proportion of these unsuccessful applicants—indeed I might say almost the whole of them—will be found incurable; for I think the figures given in my last yearly report, shewing the proportion of recoveries in insanity, after the disease has existed for nine months, or a year, are abundantly convincing on this head.

Should the new Asylum at Kingston soon be ready for occupation, it will, of course, within its own assigned limits, afford relief. I am, however, very much mistaken in my belief if on its opening it will not be found that the number of claimants for lodgment, in the eastern portion of the province, will be much larger than has hitherto been manifested. I think it may be taken as a reliable fact, that the number of cases of lunacy sent into any Asylum depends more on proximity to the institution, and facility of transmission, than on the actual amount of insanity in the several counties.

With the view of illustrating this statement I have prepared the following table, shewing the number of lunatics sent to this Asylum from the various cities and counties of the Province in the last 12½ years, and their respective populations according to the last census; also their respective distances from Toronto, and

the rate
respectively

Toronto ..
Hamilton ..
London ..

Brant
Bruce
Elgin
Essex
Grey
Haldimand ..
Halton
Huron
Kent .. .
Lambton ..
Lincoln ...
Middlesex ..
Norfolk ...
Oxford
Peel
Perth.....
Simcoe ...
Waterloo..
Welland ..
Wellington ..
Wentworth ..
York.....
Algoma Di