

I relate a fact which took place to my knowledge and which would account for one of the means by which patients become possessed of articles. Patients in the second story got matches from outsiders by means of a thread, which occurrence was discovered and checked.

The patients, both male and female, annoy visitors by their requests for tobacco and matches, and notwithstanding constant watch and a public notice to that effect posted up at the gate, it is a fact as above stated that the patients generally provided themselves with matches.

The document (marked A) produced by Dr. Ulric Bélanger is a correct list of the (26) persons who, at the time of the fire, were in the Asylum, and who have been missing since. This list is an extract of the Registers of the house.

I consider that at the time of the fire, the staff of the Asylum was sufficient both in number and competency.

The whole of the premises were burned. At different times the Insurance Agents or Inspectors visited the premises and have since renewed the Insurance. I remember that previous to this renewal, very minute inspection took place. That portion which was destroyed by fire was put down by them as first-class.

As much as I can remember we had in last mentioned portion about 225 patients—but by referring to my book I could establish the exact number.

All the Wards were provided with one or more cocks and couplings to connect the small hose in communication with the reservoirs placed on the highest part of the premises.

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