

The report commences with a general statement of convicts received into the Provincial penitentiary, and the reformatory prisons, and then proceeds to the details of the benevolent institutions, of which we propose to give a short résumé.

1st. *Quarantine Hospital, Grosse Isle*.—This Journal has already expressed its opinion of the value not only of this institution, but of such institutions in general, as seriously interfering with commercial interests, and productive of no especial benefit to the community at large. Nevertheless the commissioners entertain a different opinion, to the benefit of which they are entitled, and while therefore advising its continuance, they recommend the reduction of the expenditure connected with it, in several important particulars, to \$5000 instead of \$8664.48.

2nd. *The Marine Hospital, Quebec*.—In this establishment, the number treated last year, including 467 outside patients, was 1317. Both a diminution in the expenditure and the mortality are recorded. As is well known, the hospital is situated in a low, damp locality, and the buildings are not supplied with proper means of ventilation. The inspectors, therefore urge the necessity of the acquisition of the contiguous properties, to prevent the erection of buildings in the immediate vicinity. The inspectors further recommend that it be made a general hospital.

3rd. *Lunatic Asylum at Toronto*.—In this institution 185 patients were admitted during the elapsed year. The inspectors allude to the deficient means of classification of the patients, an object of paramount importance in such hospitals. "The principal defect in the asylum," says the report, "is the absolute want of a system of ventilation. The stench in certain of the apartments is intolerably noisome, and in the night the air of certain sleeping apartments becomes almost suffocating. The roof is moreover leaky, and the walls are suffering in consequence." The sooner these matters are rectified the better.

4th. *Asylum at Beauport*.—426 patients remained in this asylum at the expiry of the year 1860, of whom 193 were men, and 233 women. 50 deaths occurred during the year, 27 men, 23 women, to our mind a large mortality. It is stated that this institution answers its purpose.

5th. *Branch Asylum at Malden and University Branch, and projected one at Orillia*.—These are branches of the parent institution at Toronto, and receive their inmates from it when overcrowded. The inspectors recommend the establishment of large independent asylums rather than smaller dependent ones, both on the ground of economy, and the prevention of "conflict of authority."

6th. *Asylum for Criminal Lunatics at Rockwood*.—This forms part of the Provincial Penitentiary, and is admirably conducted by Dr. Litchfield. The report pays this gentleman a well deserved tribute to his scientific skill and well directed energy.

The report then proceeds to the consideration of matters connected with the penal institutions of the Province, the penitentiary, the different local gaols, and the reformatory prisons, into which it is foreign to our object to follow it. Suffice it to say, that the report is a very interesting one in every respect, and exhibits the fidelity with which the inspectors have discharged the important trust, with which they were invested.