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REPORT

OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE
LUNATIC ASYLUM AND HOUSE OF INDUSTRY,
MARCH 23, 1850.

*To the Honorable the Legislative Council
of Prince Edward Island, in General
Assembly convened.*

The Annual Report of the Trustees of the Lunatic Asylum and House of Industry, herewith transmitted to your Honorable House, sets forth that, during the year commencing the 1st day of March, 1849, and terminating on the 28th day of February, 1850, there have been within the walls of that Institution 10 Lunatic Patients, of whom two have been discharged cured; likewise nine very imbecile Paupers nearly totally unable to assist in any domestic employment, of these the only one capable of rendering any material assistance has been dismissed for repeated non-compliance with the Regulations of the house.

The average number of Persons, which the Funds and Furniture of the Establishment will accommodate, in only Eighteen.

The disorder of several of the Lunatics is of a nature requiring constant restraint and attendance, whilst the

necessity of warming several separate apartments renders the expense large.

The items of Clothing, during the year, have cost £22 7s. 8½d.

Necessary repairs have cost £3 3s. 9½d.

Neither of these charges can be supposed to have reached their average.

The Medical Officer has received £25 by way of remuneration, and makes a further claim for Medicines.

The ventilation of the house is very defective, but the Trustees are not in possession of funds to remedy this defect, which might, nevertheless, be done at a trifling cost.

To the Return is subjoined a Statement of the charge at which the benefits of the Institution have been extended to parties whose expenses have been defrayed by their own friends.

WILLIAM SWABEY,

Honorary Secretary.

By order of the Board.