

bag and baggage. A modern asylum capable of comfortably housing more patients than the present structure can, it is said, be built for \$100,000, less than the sum the Government proposed to give for the latter. Still a majority of the Assembly voted as the machine directed them.

As a proof of the utter incompetency of the local legislature to deal with the subject of the treatment of the insane, we have only to instance their effort to perpetuate the "farming out" system for the next sixty years. The nuns, to whom it is proposed to hand over the Beauport Asylum, may do better than the present proprietors; they can hardly do worse. The experience of the Province in the past, however, does not lead one to have a very high opinion of nuns as asylum administrators.

The system of "farming out" the insane to any one is indefensible. While the Province is ruled by a degraded politicalism and a grasping ecclesiasticism there is no hope for improvement.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MONTREAL MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.

Owing to the multitude of good things contained in the proceedings of this Society, the publication of their reports has fallen sadly into arrears.

A committee has been appointed to remedy this, and it is hoped to so condense the material that each month's work will be presented to our readers in the following number of the JOURNAL. This advantage, it is hoped, will compensate for any necessary abridgement of the material presented.

It has been felt that many of the communications would be more advantageously placed as original communications or as Clinical and Pathological Reports, than as Society Proceedings, and this will be done in suitable cases when the consent of the contributors can be obtained.

It is evident that if the discussions on public matters, which now form so important a part of the Society's programme, could be published without delay, it would be a distinct gain to the Society and the public.