

"3. The building of a new and large Asylum for the western portion of Lower Canada in place of the miserable temporary makeshift at St Johns.

"Were this amount of additional Asylum accommodation provided, it is believed, that if the proposed system of dealing with incurable lunatics could be brought at once into operation, and our present large Asylums at Toronto, Quebec, Kingston and Malden, reserved for curable cases exclusively, it would not be found necessary for the Government to expend any further public moneys on the construction of Asylums for many years to come. And it must be borne in mind, that of the three important works above recommended, the two former, the extension of the Toronto Asylum and the completion of the Asylum at Rockwood, are now in progress, and that both are likely, within the next two or three years, to be finished."

We do think that Lower Canada has much to complain of in this matter; although we abhor the subject of sectional difficulties, this marked difference is forced on our notice. In 1864 the Inspectors strongly recommend these alterations or additions to asylum accommodation, and in 1866 we find the first and second part of their recommendation, "are now in progress, and that both are likely within the next two or three years to be finished," but as to No. three, or where we poor Lower Canadians are concerned, what has been done? We presume we are so hopelessly insane, that there is no need affording us increased asylum accommodation, and hence the neglect of the executive as regards us. There is one point which we object to in the above quotation, and that is the recommendation of making Beauport Asylum an insane Hospital and building a large asylum in this section of the Lower Province for incurable lunatics.

The Inspectors have elsewhere declared that Beauport Asylum is a large boarding house, and in this we agree with them. There are many modern improvements in the construction of buildings, specially adapted for the treatment of insane curables, which this building does not possess and which it is impossible to adapt. If the Government are going to give us a *Lower Canada* Provincial Lunatic Asylum, we may at least hope that they will not build without taking advantage of the experience gained by those who have been connected with these establishments all their lives, and who have become fully alive to the faulty construction of nearly all our public buildings, intended for the relief of this afflicted class. Again, in building, we do trust that an "Insane Hospital," specially so intended, will be constructed, and not a large mass of stone or brick intended for the care of incurables.