

REPORT  
OF THE  
INSPECTORS OF ASYLUMS, &c.  
FOR THE YEAR 1865.

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PROVINCIAL LUNATIC ASYLUM, TORONTO.

This institution was visited and thoroughly inspected by the Board in the months of February, May, and October; several days being on each occasion devoted to the work of inspection. In the intervals between these inspections the Asylum was frequently visited by one or more of the Inspectors.

The Inspectors have much pleasure in once more recording their entire satisfaction with the manner in which the affairs of this vast Institution continue to be conducted, under its able, zealous and experienced Medical Superintendent.

The general Tabular Statement which accompanies this Report shews that the rate of mortality in this Asylum and its Branch at Toronto was unusually low during the year; a result which appears very extraordinary, when taken in connection with the fact that the principal Institution was visited during the year with three formidable epidemic diseases—small pox, typhus fever, and measles. The first made its appearance in the parent Institution in March, the second in August, and the third in December. Happily, there was not a single death from any of these epidemics, generally so fatal in Institutions of this kind. The total mortality, out of 568 patients, was only 25 patients, or 4.4 per cent. nearly.

When we bear in mind that the parent Institution and the Branch were both crowded when these epidemics presented themselves, we must join heartily with the Superintendent in a feeling