

While engaged in that management, I received injuries from two lunatics which left serious effects from which I have never ceased to suffer, and do not expect I ever shall. I made application almost immediately for compensation, supported by the evidence and the above recommendation of the Asylum Commissioners (F). See the Report of the Committee of the House of Assembly on that occasion (1846).

In 1851 the matter was again reported on by a Committee of the House of Assembly, and it then appeared that my health was still seriously impaired, notwithstanding efforts to reestablish it by travel and otherwise, and the Committee recommended me as a fit subject for a provision. I refer to the Report, (A.) and to the Appendix thereto, and particularly the letters of Staff-Surgeon Delmage, (L.) and Dr. Badgley, (M.)

A Resolution founded on that Report was prepared, but in consequence of the absence (the result of sudden illness) of Sir Allan MacNab, who had the case in hand, it was not proposed, and the Session unfortunately closed without any action being had upon it.

Since then I have never ceased to apply for some relief, having been, however, quite willing to take it in the shape of an office*—the duties of which would be such as I could perform with efficiency—which species of relief I would hitherto have preferred to a mere pension, which, however, in consequence of increasing years and decreasing health, I would now rather prefer.

My claims to present consideration, then, are principally, my having organized and fostered the first provincial establishment through great difficulties and at a great pecuniary loss to myself, (for the salary was most inadequate to say nothing of my own resources being drawn upon for the institution), and putting it on such a highly satisfactory footing, as appears by the Reports of Dr. Spears and Dr. Dunlop (B. and C.) The inadequacy of my salary abundantly appears throughout the accompanying documents (see D., N., and O.) I may add, also, another ground for consideration: it was on my remonstrance that a most objectionable site, in the immediate neighborhood of a marshy swamp, which had been selected for the erection of the permanent building here was abandoned. If erected there the building would have been found uninhabitable for the unfortunate class of patients for whom it was intended, which would have rendered its abandonment, after costing £150,000, necessary, thus entailing a heavy loss on the Province.

I was also, subsequently, mainly instrumental in preventing an equally objectionable site being fixed upon at Kingston.

These are notorious facts, capable of proof on reference to the proper quarter.

As to my removal from the office of Superintendent, though the injuries I received were not the cause of that removal, they would in all probability, as now appears by the condition of my health since then, have rendered my retirement sooner or later necessary. The real cause I can justly and truly set down as only personal intrigue, inasmuch as the records of the Commissioners of the Asylum shew that it was not at the desire of them but against their remonstrance, although they had complained of a certain letter written by me on the question of the internal management of the institution, which (though possibly couched in language too strong and somewhat intemperate), was dictated purely by zeal and humanity; and was thought, at all events, by the complaining parties to be no ground for removal, and so far from that, they petitioned against it—see extract from the Commissioners Memorial, 1845, (enclosed) marked P.; and passage in

* As then proposed and promised by the Government, and on the ground of which promise (see the letters on this report of the Hon. H. Sherwood to the Hon. F. Hincks; also of Drs. Nelson and Herrick, to the Provincial Secretary) I proceeded to Québec for the purpose of offering, among other suggestions, one for establishing a Provincial Board of Prison and Sanitary Inspectors,—since carried out by the Government, and a Board consisting of five Inspectors appointed.