

of Asylums, reported in its favour, and the matter was brought under the notice of the Attorney-General, but as no aid was guaranteed by him on behalf of the Ontario Government, the Directors did not feel justified in undertaking its purchase, and the property passed into other hands. The Directors regret very much not having been in a position to buy this property, as they fear that a similar opportunity may not soon occur again.

The Directors call special attention to what has been stated in former reports, namely, that the Toronto Eye and Ear Infirmary, though local in *name*, is clearly Provincial in its character, as is shown by the register of the intern or hospital patients, whose board and lodging, are the chief expense in the management of this institution. Out of a total of 436 intern patients who have been maintained in the Infirmary since its opening in 1870 only 76 were from Toronto, the remaining 360 being either emigrants or from different parts of the Province. The 76 patients from Toronto were supported in the institution 2,979 days, at a cost of \$2,490, whereas the remaining 360 were kept 15,500 days; at a cost of \$12,998, or about five times as much as the latter. That is for every dollar spent on a Toronto patient over five dollars are spent on patients from the country. Nevertheless the Directors are willing to bear this unequal burden provided that the Government will give them assistance in providing a suitable building in which the work of this Infirmary may be carried on with greater efficiency.