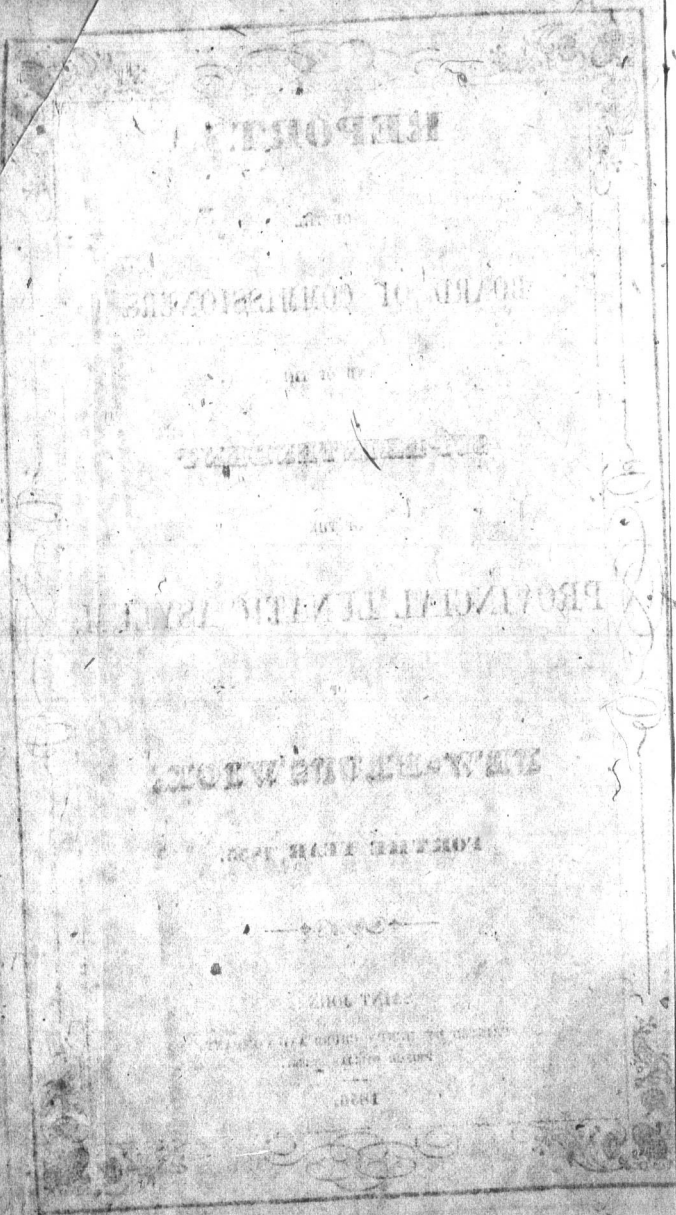


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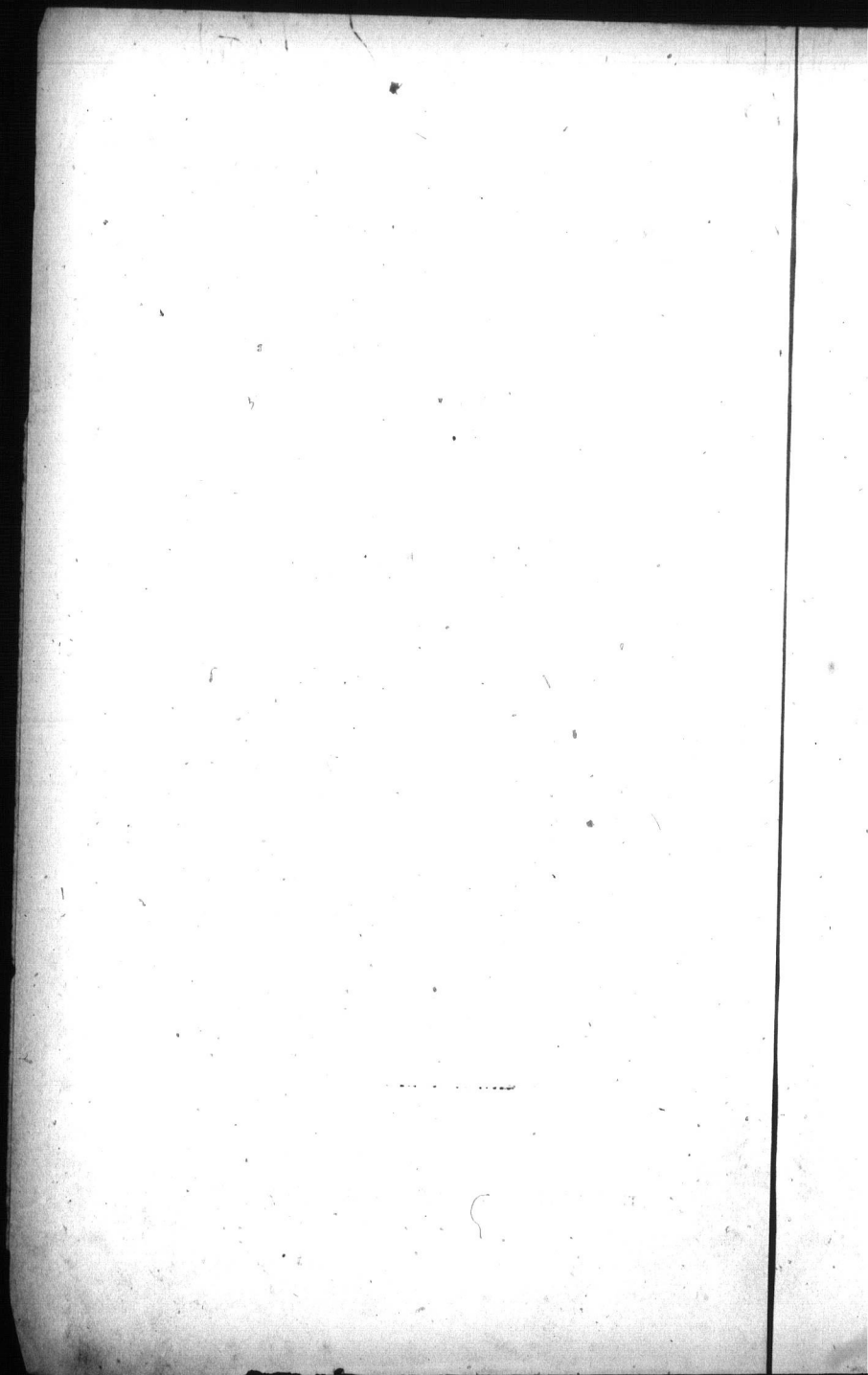
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JOHN R. PARTELOW,

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Secretary.

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Chaplain.

RESIDENT OFFICERS.

JOHN WADDELL, M. D., &c.,

Medical Superintendent.

ROBERT GRAHAM,

Supervisor, Book and Store Keeper.

MISS ARCHIBALD,

Matron.

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To His Excellency The Honorable JOHN HENRY THOMAS MANNERS SUTTON, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency,—

The Commissioners of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum respectfully forward to Your Excellency the Report for the past year, of the Medical Superintendent of the Institution under their care.

The expenses of maintenance for the ten months ending 31st October, 1855, the termination of the Provincial fiscal year, amount to - - - - - £4390 10 4

The Receipts, viz. :—

from Paying Patients, - - -	£664 11 4½
for Supplies to do., - - -	6 15 11
articles sold, - - - - -	24 11 9½
estimate value of Farm produce, - - -	321 7 5
Provincial Treasury, - - - - -	3000 0 0
	4017 6 6

Balance due Commissioners 31st October, 1855, - £373 3 10

By adding one-fifth to the gross expenditure for the ten months, - - - - -	£4390 10 4
one-fifth, - - - - -	878 2 1

The expenditure for 12 months might be calculated at £5268 12 5

Being £427 16s. 4d. more than in the year 1854.

The extra number of patients and increased cost of provisions, fuel, and other articles used in the Institution, will account for the excess.

The average cost of each patient in 1854, was £33 15s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., in 1855, £34 12s. 9d.

The New Buildings have been completed, the accounts therefor have been forwarded to Your Excellency, and stated thus :—

To Contractors, under contract, - - -	£6850	0	0
“ ditto, additional work, - - -	902	0	0
“ Repairs and material in old and new buildings, - - -	423	11	0
“ Out-buildings, Fencing, &c., - - -	804	3	9
	£8979	14	9
Received from Provincial Treasury, - - -	9224	4	11
Balance, - - -	£244	10	2

The furnishing the New Dormitories, Officers' Apartments, &c. and other necessary works are in progress.

The Commissioners respectfully refer to their former reports to Your Excellency and to your predecessors, on the subjects of the mode of admission of patients into the Asylum, and of warming and ventilating the buildings.

Upon the former, they have merely to state their conviction, that if the Law was so framed as to make the property of the patients available for their expences in the Institution, a very large saving would be to the Province.

And as to the latter, they are in constant apprehension that some accident may happen from the numerous fires, stoves, and stove pipes now used in the buildings.

There being forty-three fires kept in the buildings, and seven hundred and thirty-four feet stove pipe in use, to most of which a large majority of one hundred and forty-one maniacs can and must of necessity have access.

The Medical Superintendent, Dr. WADDELL, continues his unwearied exertions in his department, and gives the greatest satisfaction.

The gratuitous services of the Chaplain, the Rev. WILLIAM SCOVIL, are duly acknowledged and appreciated.

The Commissioners have to regret the death of one of their Board during the past year, The Hon. WILLIAM MCLEOD, a gentleman who took great interest in the Institution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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HON. L. A. WILMOT,
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SAINT JOHN, NEW-BRUNSWICK,
31st December, 1855.

Dr. Provincial Lunatic Asylum in account with the Commissioners for Ten Months, ending 31st October, 1855. Cr.

1855		£	s.	d.	1855		£	s.	d.
March 31.	For amount of Expenditure for the Quarter ending 31st March,	1522	6	0	Mar. 17.	Treasury Warrants, No. 54, bal. Dec. 30,	218	16	6
June 30.	“ amount of Expenditure for the Quarter ending 30th June,	1141	16	2	“	Ditto, No. 116, “ Mar. qr. 1000	0	0	0
Oct. 30.	“ amount of Expenditure for 4 months ending 31st Oct.,	1405	0	9	“	Ditto, No. 223, “ June “ 1000	0	0	0
					“	Ditto, No. 378, “ Oct. “ 1000	0	0	0
									3218 16 6
					Mar. 31.	For Tallow 106s. 8d., Ditto 128s.	13	2	11
					“	Lard 16s., Wheat 12s.,			
					June 30.	“ Wheat 29s., Ploughing 30s.,	2	15	0
					Oct.	“ Donation 40s., Old Iron 2s.,	8	13	10½
						Tallow, 131s. 10½d.,			24 11 9½
					Mar. 31.	Cash from paying Patients, first qtr.	112	4	6
					June 30.	Ditto, second qtr.	211	5	0
					Oct. 30.	Ditto, 4 months,	341	1	10½
									664 11 4½
						Cash for Clothing &c., to patients, 1st qtr.	2	9	5
						Ditto, 2d qtr.	1	0	6
						Ditto, 4 mos.	3	6	0
									6 15 11
									814 15 7
									373 3 10
									£4287 19 5

To Bal. due Commissioners 31st Oct., 1855, £373 3 10

We, the Commissioners of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, do certify that the foregoing stated account is correct and true, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

(Signed.) JOHN WARD, Commissioners of the
 PETER BERNARD, Provincial
 WILLIAM OLIVE, Lunatic Asylum.
 J. DUNCAN,

Saint John, N. B., 1st November, 1855.

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(Signed.)

JOHN WARD,
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WILLIAM OLIVE,
J. DUNCAN.

Commissioners of the
Provincial
Lunatic Asylum.

CLASSIFICATION of the Total Expenditure of the PROVINCIAL LUNATIC ASYLUM for Ten Months ending 31st October, 1855.

	Food.		Clothing, &c.		Furniture & Furnishing		Salaries.		Fuel.		Stock and Fodder.		Repairs.		Not Classified.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Expenditure First Quarter, ending 31st March,	523	18 11	86	7 10	195	4 10	254	5 2	294	16 11	118	4 10	10	12 7	38	14 11	1522	6 0
Expenditure Second Quarter, ending 30th June,	584	14 11	92	2 9	45	7 2	268	6 2	2	1 0	96	2 11	23	40 6	63	0 8	1141	16 2
Expenditure Four Months, ending 31st October,	723	19 9	72	3 8	92	10 9	343	8 8	0	12 0	69	4 6	0	0 0	103	1 10	1405	0 9
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REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

On the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, there were one hundred and thirty-one patients in the institution—seventy one men, and sixty women. In the year there have been admitted one hundred and one—fifty-five men, and forty-six women. The whole number under treatment from 1st January last to this date, two hundred and thirty-two.

Of the one hundred and thirty-one old cases, ten have been discharged recovered, and eight in different stages of improvement, one unimproved, and eleven have died, in all thirty, leaving of this class still one hundred and one.

Of the one hundred and one new cases, thirty-seven have been discharged recovered, twelve in different states of improvement, one unimproved, and nine have died, in all fifty-nine, consequently forty-two of these still remain.

The number of males during the year was one hundred and twenty-six, and of females one hundred and six; the average was one hundred and forty-one; the highest number at any one time, was one hundred and forty-eight, in May and August; the lowest, one hundred and thirty, in January, and the number now on the record is one hundred and forty-three.

Twelve died of exhaustion from various causes, two from tubercular disease of the lungs, two from Epilepsy, two from Apoplexy, and one each from Dysentery and Diarrhea.

In reference to mortality, it is important to notice that, in the Province there is no separate receptacle for the incurable insane, that the poor are supported at the expense of the Provincial Government, and that when an individual becomes a burden to friends or to the Parish, and it can be certified that the mind is not sound, he is sent here. Besides, there is a very common and natural feeling with the friends of many who die in institutions like this, when the

case of their relatives, becomes hopeless, and when it is clear that they cannot long survive, to have them home that they may attend them in their last moments. When an Asylum is situate in a dense population, whence the largest number of patients are drawn, the institution is relieved of many by removals under such circumstances; but here, where patients are received from the remotest districts of this Province and distant parts of the neighbouring ones, where the facilities for travel are not adapted for such delicate service, removal is impossible. From these causes the rate of mortality is considerably increased.

The patients were moved into the new wing early in November, and thus the cellar, the chapel, the Medical Superintendent's rooms, and rooms required for the use of servants, were all vacated. This arrangement has materially increased the comfort of the whole household. The patients are much better accommodated, and facilities for treatment much increased. The Chapel is about to be fitted up for its appropriate and sacred purpose, to the great satisfaction of all concerned. The servants will now enjoy quiet sleeping rooms, while the Superintendent and his family will be more retired and more comfortable.

The parts of the building not designed for the accommodation of patients, but which have been in use by them from the commencement till recently, including the large centre hall, with stairs, are all more or less defaced, and to some extent, permanently damaged; the requisite repairs have been made, or are in progress, to fit them for the purposes for which they were intended.

The new building as yet is but partially furnished, but arrangements are maturing to supply the deficiency.

The temperature of the new apartments has, thus far, this season, been very comfortable. Banking of exposed parts of the cellar, and covering a number of the windows with outside sashes, with mild weather, have each contributed much to produce the result. The present mode of heating, however, is every way ill adapted to the wants of such an establishment. In severe weather it can at best be but partial, and where there are so many fires, there must be risk to the building and danger of injury to the patients.

There are one hundred and two patients, thirty-three men and sixty-nine women, in the new wing. The rooms are all full, and halls

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not intended for the purpose, are used as associated dormitories.—
The only remedy for this is to complete the building by erecting the north wing.

On this subject, I do not intend to say one word in addition to what I have said in former reports, further than remark that all that is now gained by the new wing, is the removal of the patients from the cellars, the obtaining the Chapel for its own special use, and officers' and servants' rooms, for their proper accommodation. This, it is admitted, is much; but the two great evils resulting from an unfinished institution still remain—*crowding* and the too *close proximity* of the sexes.

Two of our most experienced attendants, William Carroll and Barry Mills, came to their death on the thirtieth October, by the violence of one of the patients. Many of the material circumstances of this painful tragedy are involved in mystery and likely so to remain. The authorities have made a searching investigation, resulting in the acquittal of the unfortunate man, on the grounds of his insanity, and he still remains an inmate.

Mr. Carroll was a superior person; had been fifteen years in the service of the Province as an attendant upon the insane. He was highly respected by the officers of the institution, and indeed by all who knew him, as an honest and faithful man. The loss of his services is seriously felt, and all deeply and sincerely lament his untimely fate.

Mr. Mills had been in the employment of the institution for about four years, long enough to become familiar with his duties. He had a good heart and kind disposition, and the best feelings of his nature were devoted to the care of the unfortunate insane. The loss of so good a man under such painful circumstances is much regretted.

An objection was made by the Corporation of St. George's Church, Carleton, to our continuing to bury in the Cemetery under their charge. A correspondence was then entered into with the clergymen representing the different denominations, on the subject of furnishing grounds for members of their respective communion, which has resulted entirely favorably; and, hereafter, bodies not removed by friends, will be interred in grounds subject to the control of the denomination of Christians to which they may belong.

A second donation of fifty pounds from a gentlemen friendly to the institution; also, a legacy of ten pounds from an old and good

servant, will be a found in the accounts* of this year. These sums are of greater consideration than their intrinsic value. They are indices of kindly appreciation, and stand as an example for imitation. In other countries similar institutions derive large receipts from private munificence.

The farm has been very useful in affording the kind of labour best adapted to a large class of inmates, while it has yielded a rich return for the care bestowed. Some valuable permanent improvements have been effected.

The well, which, during the summer was enlarged and deepened, has, as yet, supplied all the water required for ordinary purposes.— Were we, however, in the event of a serious fire, to depend upon our present resources, I fear disappointment and disaster would result. Hitherto we have not had occasion to test the hose recently provided for protection against fire, but have no doubt of its value and efficiency.

Doctor Boyd, as in former years, has kindly attended in my absence, and on other occasions assisted in consultation.

The Reverend Mr. Scovil has discharged the duties of Chaplain with his usual punctuality and fidelity.

Clergymen of different denominations have had free access to their own people in sickness and when dying, and in all cases where the officers of the institution have been the medium of communication, these services have been performed with cheerfulness and promptitude.

The proprietors of the "Christian Visitor," "Church Witness," "Religious Intelligencer," "Presbyterian Witness," and "Courier," have generously continued their papers. They will please accept our sincere acknowledgments.

The Hon. William McLeod, late of Kingston, since the last Annual Meeting, has been removed from the Board by death. Residing in the country, as he did, the distance from the institution prevented his taking part in the monthly visits and current business; but at the annual and semi-annual meetings, he was regularly in attendance. In the prosperity of the Asylum, he manifested a deep interest—in his intercourse with other officers, he was always considerate and courteous—in his desire to promote the welfare of the insane, he was

* The Financial year closed before the receipt of these sums. They will appear next year—£50 from Benjamin Smith, Esq., and £10 from the Estate of the late William Carroll.

generous and kind. By his removal, death has deprived the institution of a sincere well-wisher, the officers of a gentlemanly co-worker, and the unfortunate lunatic of a benevolent friend.

The business of the year has resulted in at least ordinary success. In some respects it may be regarded as an annual period marked with more than average progress. The occupancy of the new wing is in itself a wide step in advance, and if it is my duty to record circumstances of an afflictive character, there are those of an opposite kind. Under trial we have experienced much real sympathy, and when success has crowned our efforts we have had many expressions of grateful appreciation.

The officers, non-resident and resident alike, actively engaged with me in conducting the business of the institution, have, as usual, most harmoniously co-operated in advancing its common interests—to them all, and more especially to the Commissioners, would I tender my warmest thanks.

With sentiments of the most profound gratitude to God, the giver of all good, for the blessings of the year, especially for preserving mercy, and again committing the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, in all its interests, to the care of the Almighty, I beg, most respectfully, to submit my annual report.

JOHN WADDELL.

Provincial Lunatic Asylum,

St. John, N. B., Jan'y. 1, 1856.

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**Brief Statement of Patients in the Provincial Lunatic Asylum,
for the year 1855.**

	Number and Sex of Patients.		RESULT OF TREATMENT.												TOTAL.	
			DISCHARGED.						DIED.	REMAINING.						
	Total	Recovered.	Much Improved.		Improved.	Unimproved.										
			M	F			M	F				M	F	M		F
Old Cases,.....	71	60	181	6	4	1	0	6	1	0	1	7	4	51	50	101
Admitted since,.....	55	46	101	21	16	2	1	7	2	1	0	8	6	21	21	42
TOTAL,.....	126	106	282	27	20	3	1	13	3	1	1	10	10	72	71	143

**Number of Patients in the Asylum the last day of each month,
in 1855.**

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
185	187	187	146	142	142	147	139	141	139	144	143
Annual Average Number, } 141			Greatest Number { May 5. } 148				Smallest Number, { Jan. 2. } 130				

Number of Patients from each County in the Province, for 1855.

	York.	St. John.	Westmorland.	Charlotte.	King's.	Queen's.	Sunbury.	Northumberland.	Kent.	Gloucester.	Carlton.	Restigonche.	Albert.	Victoria.	Nova Scotia.	Prince E. Island.	TOTAL.
For ten months, to 31st October, 1855,.....	28	98	9	24	9	3	2	11	2	1	9	2	1	1	16	1	217
For two months to 31st December, 1855,.....	2	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	15
	30	107	10	24	9	3	2	11	2	1	9	2	1	1	19	1	232

JOHN WADDELL,

Medical Superintendent,

Provincial Lunatic Asylum