

REPORT of the Medical Attendant at the Lunatic Asylum, FOR THE YEAR 1866.

JANUARY 31, 1867.

GENTLEMEN;

IN accordance with our usual practice, I have the pleasure of furnishing your Board with this our Seventeenth Annual Report of the Lunatic Asylum; to which is appended a statistical Chart exhibiting at one view the facts and results derived from the experience of the past year, comprising the age, species of insanity, and social condition of the patients, with some brief remarks which have occurred to me as being interesting and practical.

On examining the said chart, it will appear that during the past year not less than 46 cases of insanity have been placed under our treatment. Of these, 30 remained in hospital at last report, and 18 cases have been admitted during the year; but of these 18, three were readmissions of former patients, and 2 were chronic cases of many years standing; of the remaining 13 cases, 7 have been discharged, cured, —having recovered their reason—the amount of recoveries making a percentage of 54 on all recent cases. Thirty-six patients now remain in hospital, viz: 21 males and 15 females. The number discharged during the year has been 12, viz: 8 males and 4 females. No deaths have occurred during the last 12 months, nor have we been visited by the attack of any important disease.

The unimproved stationary cases amount to 11, viz: 8 males and 3 females—13 have improved, 12 much improved, and 10 have recovered their reason, while 36 yet remain under treatment.

In last year's report, the percentage of recoveries in all recent cases, amounted to 50, whilst in the present instance it has amounted to 54. Thus, the number of patients admitted, cured and relieved exceeds that of any former year since the opening of the institution.

The number of paupers has been reduced to four only, they are all infirm, superannuated men, whose united ages amount to 309 years.

With regard to the internal economy of the institution as respects cleanliness, order, warmth, ventilation, and general comfort, our most sanguine wishes have been realized, with the single exception of limited accommodation. During the last few months, when many applications were made for admission, we found considerable difficulty, as every apartment was occupied.

This leads me to suggest to your Board the urgent necessity of enlarging the Building, by the addition of a wing, carried out in the rear, in accordance with the original quadrangular plan of the Building. This would afford ample accommodation for the next 20 years; for, until some such plan is adopted, we shall be necessitated to refuse further admission to applicants for some time to come. I have also to state that the fencing around the men's exercising yard will require to be renewed, which, when completed, will enable us to dispense with some extra means of restraint.

In my former Reports, I adverted to the evils resulting from neglecting the insane, for laying aside humanity, and the interest of the patients. It would be preferable even in an economical point of view, to give them the benefit of early medical and moral treatment; and have now to observe that even when the case is incurable, it is the interest of the community to have it properly attended to.

Many patients are permitted to go at large, in consequence of their being supposed to be harmless. Harmless they may have been, and harmless they might remain under proper management; but when left to their own guidance, and the excitement of the world, no one can tell how soon their insanity may compel them to some act of violence.

When an individual imagines himself to be a supernatural being, to be favored with Divine revelations; to be commissioned to redress grievances; to have suffered, or to be threa-

tened with injury; to be conspired against, or to be poisoned, *he is dangerous to the leiges*; and however calm he may seem, however sane on other subjects, however acute he may be in business, he ought not to be suffered to remain at large, but ought to be placed under treatment and control. During my experience with the Insane, I have had ample illustrations of the truth of these remarks.

Trusting that the preceding results will meet with the approval of your honorable Board,

I have the honor to be,

your obedient servant

J. MACKIESON.

To the Board of Trustees, Lunatic Asylum.

Adjutant General's Office,

CHARLOTTETOWN, 4th March, 1867.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDER,

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

2nd Queen's County Regiment of Militia.

THE following will be the District Limits and Numerical Order of the several Companies of the above Regiment:

- No. 1.—Captain, Alexander Stewart. Lieutenant, ——— Ensign, ——— Precincts—That part of Lot 48, from Harbour's Mouth, following the Lot 49 line, to Road between farms of late George Gay and Nicholas Robinson, following said Road to West Line of Lot 35.
- No. 2.—Captain, George A. Stanley. Lieutenant, ——— Ensign, ——— Precincts—The remainder of Lot 48, and that part of Lot 35 on the South Side of Hillsborough River.
- No. 3.—Capt. Samuel McRae. Lieutenant, ———. Ensign ———. Precincts—That part of Lot 49 from Harbour's Mouth to Road leading from McRae's Wharf to line of Lot 48, and also Governor's Island.
- No. 4.—Captain Alexander McRae, Junior. Lieutenant ———. Ensign ———. Precincts—That part of Lot 49 between McRae's Wharf Road and the Monaghan Road.
- No. 5.—Captain William Forbes. Lieutenant ———. Ensign ———. Precincts—The remaining part of Lot 49.
- No. 6.—Capt. Thomas W. May. Lieutenant ———. Ensign, ———. Precincts—That part of Lot 36 on the South side of Hillsborough River.
- No. 7.—Capt. ———. Lieutenant ———. Ensign ———. Precincts—That part of Lot 37 on the South side of Hillsborough River.
- No. 8.—Captain Richard Drake. Lieutenant ———. Ensign ———. Precincts—That part of Lot 50, West of Bourke's Mill Creek, including Gallows and China Points.
- No. 9.—Captain Thomas H. Beers. Lieutenant ———. Ensign ———. Precincts—That part of Lot 50 between Bourke's Mill Creek, and Murray Harbour Road, including Shipyard Point.
- No. 10.—Captain Cavendish M. Willock. Lieutenant ———. Ensign ———. Precincts—The remaining part of Lot 50.

By Command,

(Signed)

P. D. STEWART,

Lieut. Col. & Adj. Gen. of Militia.

NOTICE.

THE SUBSCRIBER hereby informs all persons whom it may concern, that about the 10th day of December last, he picked up at the Wood Islands, a KEDGE ANCHOR, one piece of WARP and a piece of ROPE, which he has since held for the benefit of the owner; the same not having been claimed, he now gives notice, that if the same is not called for by the owner and proven, and expenses paid thereon, before the Tenth day of April next, that he will sell the same at Auction, on the said 10th day of April, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the benefit of all concerned.

DUNCAN TAYLOR,

Wood Islands, March 4, 1867. pd ag