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Table 1.—Showing the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths, with the Mean Annual Mortality, and proportion of Recoveries per cent. of the Admissions for each year, since the opening of the Hospital.

Year.	ADMITTED.												DISCHARGED.												Remaining 31st Dec-ber in each year.	Average numbers resident.	Per centage of Recoveries on Admissions.			Per centage of Deaths on average numbers resident.								
	M			F			M&F			M			F			M&F			M			F					M&F			M			F			M&F		
1859	39	31	70	8	3	11	2	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	45	50	95	21	21	42	23	5	28	9.7	15.4	15.5	2.8	2.8	5.7					
1860	32	31	63	8	6	14	2	2	4	2	2	4	2	1	3	3	1	4	62	55	117	55	5	60	70	25.0	19.3	38.7	73	48.8	5	14	9.5					
1861	38	22	60	14	9	23	4	1	5	2	2	4	2	2	4	3	7	10	74	56	130	69	52	121	38.7	73	48.8	5	8	1.9								
1862	31	12	43	12	9	21	1	1	2	2	2	4	2	4	6	4	1	5	74	56	130	69	52	121	36.7	29.4	46.8	7.1	1	4.5								
1863	30	17	47	17	5	22	6	2	8	6	3	9	3	1	4	5	1	6	75	67	142	70	62	132	36.7	29.4	46.8	5.6	8.4	6.6								
1864	23	23	46	8	10	18	2	2	4	3	3	6	3	4	7	6	10	16	82	72	154	80	71	151	34.4	43.4	39.1	6.9	11.1	6.7								
1865	24	2	26	12	16	28	5	2	7	1	1	2	1	9	10	1	14	15	79	71	150	81	74	155	50.9	72.7	6.9	11.1	6.7	9.0								
1866	21	21	42	10	7	17	6	4	10	3	1	4	1	4	5	1	3	4	80	77	157	80	73	153	47.6	33.3	40.5	1.2	4.1	2.6								
1867	25	18	43	12	7	19	1	4	5	1	1	2	4	1	5	4	1	5	87	82	169	86	81	167	48.0	39.0	44.0	4.6	1.1	3.0								
Tot.	263	197	460	101	72	173	28	15	43	14	3	17	33	25	58				Mean of nine years			39.8	40.3	39.6	5.4	4.5	5.0											

Table 2.—Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths, from the opening of the Hospital to the present date December 31st, 1867.

	DISCHARGED OR REMOVED.			ADMITTED.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Persons admitted during the period of nine years.....				240	183	423
Re-admissions.....				23	14	37
Total of cases admitted.....				263	197	460
Recovered.....	101	72	173			
Relieved.....	28	15	43			
Not improved.....	14	3	17			
Died.....	33	25	58			
Total discharged and died during the nine years.....				176	115	291
Remaining December 31st, 1867.....				87	82	169
Average numbers resident during the nine years.....				64	58	122

PREVALENCE OF INSANITY IN CANADA.

There would seem to be a somewhat general impression prevailing in Canada* that native Canadians are more subject to insanity than persons from the "old country." Of the many interesting questions connected with the subject of insanity, there is none which comes more home to us than that of the frequency or prevalence of this fearful malady amongst our people. We have, therefore, much satisfaction in submitting afresh the re-considering remarks on this question of Dr. Joseph Workman, the Medical Superintendent of the Toronto Asylum, an able and experienced Alienist and Statistician. In his printed report for 1864, that officer adduces statistics which conclusively establish the erroneousness of the general opinion on this important subject. He gives a summary of the National origins of nearly 1000 patients admitted into the Toronto Asylum in 1864, and the five preceding years.

NATIVITIES OF 995 patients admitted in six years, from 1859 to 1864 inclusive.

Years.	Ireland.	Canada.	Scotland.	England.	U. States.	All others.	Total.
1859.....	51	23	21	16	9	5	125
1860.....	64	38	34	32	9	8	185
1861.....	79	55	21	25	11	10	204
1862.....	56	61	24	29	2	5	177
1863.....	53	54	22	21	6	9	168
1864.....	50	35	24	17	6	4	136
	353	266	149	143	43	41	995
Per cent.....	35 49	26 73	14 97	14 37	4 32	4 12	in 995
do do.....	13 70	64 70	7 707	8 18			in 1,396.091

"The lowest line," observes Dr. Workman, "shows the relative per centage of the four chief nationalities in the whole population of the Province, which according to the census of 1860-61, was 1,396,091, the following being the actual numbers, viz:—

* By Canada is meant here, the late Province of Canada, comprising the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.