

1374. With the exception of Nova Scotia and Quebec, the principle adopted throughout the Dominion in the treatment of insane is that known as State-cure, and even in the case of the two provinces named the institutions are subject to the supervision of Government inspectors. Nova Scotia has the county farm system in part, and Quebec wholly so.

There are 17 asylums for the insane in Canada, all of which are supported entirely by Government, aided in some cases by municipalities, and the following table gives particulars of the number of patients, &c. :—

#### ASYLUMS FOR THE INSANE IN CANADA.

##### INMATES AND DEATHS.

PROVINCES.	Number of Asylums.	Year Ended.	NUMBER TREATED DURING THE YEAR.			Number of Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to Total Number of Inmates.
			Males.	Females.	Total.		
Ontario, 1895.....	7	Sept. 30	2,748	2,706	5,454	309	5·67
Quebec, 1894.....	4	Dec. 31	1,471	1,538	3,009	213	7·07
Nova Scotia, 1895.....	1	Sept. 30	232	234	466	22	4·72
New Brunswick, 1894..	1	Oct. 31	325	271	596	40	6·71
Manitoba, 1895.....	2	Dec. 31	245	122	367	not giv'n	.....
British Columbia, 1893.	1	" 31	143	41	184	14	7·61
P.E. Island, 1895....	1	" 31	110	98	208	16	7·70
Total.....	17	.....	5,274	5,010	10,284	714	.....

In addition to the particulars given above there were 492 persons of unsound mind in the Halifax city asylum and poor-house and county asylums and poor-farms.

1375. In Ontario, on 30th September, 1895, there were 4,614 persons in the provincial asylums, and 18 in the Homewood Retreat, Guelph; 25 insane convicts in Kingston Penitentiary, and 25 insane persons in the common jails, making a total of 4,683 persons of unsound mind under public accommodation, while there were 91 applications for admission on hand, making a total of 4,779 persons of unsound mind known to the provincial government. The census of 1891 gives the total number in the province as 5,855. The number of insane in this province is increasing in greater ratio than the population.

1376. The following table gives such particulars as are available concerning the principal public charitable institutions in Canada. Ontario is