

INSANE.

There are 19 asylums for the insane in Canada, most 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, 1903.....	8	Sept. 30 .	3,028	3,232	6,260	320	5·11
Quebec, 1902	6	Dec. 31 ..	2,062	1,956	*4,212	321	7·62
Nova Scotia, 1903.....	1	Sept. 30..	265	259	524	40	7·63
New Brunswick, 1903....	1	Oct. 31..	294	281	575	54	9·39
Manitoba, 1902	2	Dec. 31..	384	205	589	38	6·45
British Columbia, 1902 ..	1	" 31..	322	91	413	25	6·05
P. E. Island, 1903.....	1	" 31..	123	123	246	23	9·35
Total	20	6,478	6,147	*12,819	821	6·40

*Including 194 sex not given.

In Ontario, on September 30, 1903, there were 5,458 persons in the provincial asylums, and 29 in the Homewood Retreat, Guelph; 40 insane convicts in Kingston penitentiary, and 73 insane persons in the common jails, making a total of 5,600 persons of unsound mind under public accommodation, while there were 636 applications for admission on hand, making a total of 6,236 persons of unsound mind known to the Provincial Government.

According to the Census returns for 1901, there were in Canada 30·7 insane persons in every 10,000 group of the population. The Census of 1891 gave 28, and that of 1881, 23 in every 10,000 group. According to origins in each 10,000 of the population in 1901, there were of insane: English, 7·56; Irish, 6·77; Scotch, 4·11; French, 8·91; German, 1·24, and various, 2·11. According to birth places of the 16,495 insane in Canada, 13,211 were born in the Dominion, 2,215 in the United Kingdom and 1,069 in other countries. That is 24·6 in every 10,000 were born in Canada, 4·1 in the United Kingdom and 2·0 in other countries. The native born population, equalling 87 per cent, contributed 80 per cent of the insane.