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NEW ZEALAND.

LUNATIC ASYLUMS OF THE COLONY

(REPORT ON) FOR 1899.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

The INSPECTOR-GENERAL of ASYLUMS to the Hon. the MINISTER of EDUCATION.

SIR,—

Wellington, 14th May, 1900.

I have the honour to lay before you the following report on the lunatic asylums of the colony for the year ended 31st December, 1899:—

The number of registered insane persons on the 31st December, 1899, was 2,557—Males, 1,512; females, 1,045.

The insane of the colony are distributed as follows:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Auckland	287	169	456
Christchurch	282	220	502
Dunedin (Seacliff)	387	248	635
Hokitika	88	41	129
Nelson	87	55	142
Porirua	195	174	369
Wellington	166	115	281
Ashburn Hall (private asylum)	20	23	43
	1,512	1,045	2,557

The proportion of the male insane to the male population is,—

New Zealand (exclusive of Maoris)	3·79 per 1,000, or 1 in 264
New Zealand (inclusive of Maoris)	3·60 " 1 in 278

The proportion of the female insane to the female population,—

Exclusive of Maoris	2·92 " 1 in 342
Inclusive of Maoris	2·78 " 1 in 360

The proportion of the total insane to the total population,—

Exclusive of Maoris	3·38 " 1 in 296
Inclusive of Maoris	3·21 " 1 in 311

ADMISSIONS.

On the 1st January, 1899, the number of insane persons in our asylums was—Males, 1,472; females, 1,007: total, 2,479. The number of those admitted during the year for the first time—Males, 225; females, 165: total, 390. The readmissions—Males, 39; females, 82: total, 121.

DEATHS.

The percentage of deaths on the average number resident during the year was 6·30, as compared with 6·14 for the previous year.

RECOVERIES.

The percentage of recoveries on the admissions was 37·58, as compared with 48·07 for the previous year.