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NEW ZEALAND.

LUNATIC ASYLUMS OF THE COLONY

(REPORT ON) FOR 1900.

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, 20th May, 1901.

I have the honour to lay before you the following report on the lunatic asylums of the colony for the year ended the 31st December, 1900:—

The number of registered insane persons on the 31st December, 1900, was 2,672—Males, 1,581; females, 1,091—being an increase of 115—males, 71; females, 44—over the previous year.

The insane of the colony are distributed as follows:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Auckland	297	190	487
Christchurch	283	231	514
Dunedin (Seacliff)	401	224	625
Hokitika	87	34	121
Nelson	85	52	137
Porirua	218	245	463
Wellington	188	90	278
Ashburn Hall (private asylum)	22	23	45
	1,581	1,091	2,672

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

New Zealand (exclusive of Maoris)	3·90 per 1,000, or 1 in 256
New Zealand (inclusive of Maoris)	3·71 " 1 in 270

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

Exclusive of Maoris	2·99 " 1 in 335
Inclusive of Maoris	2·85 " 1 in 351

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

Exclusive of Maoris	3·47 " 1 in 288
Inclusive of Maoris	3·30 " 1 in 303

ADMISSIONS.

On the 1st January, 1900, the number of insane persons in our asylums was—Males, 1,512; females, 1,045: total, 2,557. The number of those admitted during the year for the first time was—Males, 250; females, 157: total, 407. The readmissions numbered—Males, 85; females, 106: total, 191.

DEATHS.

The percentage of deaths on the average number resident during the year was 5·61, as compared with 6·30 for the previous year. The percentage of deaths on the admissions was—Males, 33·00; females, 22·77: total, 28·88.

RECOVERIES.

The percentage of recoveries on the admissions was—Males, 34·33; females, 47·52: total, 39·64, as compared with 37·58 for the previous year.