

1903.
NEW ZEALAND.

LUNATIC ASYLUMS OF THE COLONY
(REPORT ON) FOR 1902.

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

The INSPECTOR-GENERAL of ASYLUMS to the Hon. the MINISTER for PUBLIC WORKS.

SIR,— Wellington, 30th June, 1903.

I have the honour to lay before you the following report on the Lunatic Asylums of the colony for the year ended 31st December, 1902:—

The number of registered insane persons on the 31st December, 1902, was 2,848—males, 1,715 ; females, 1,133, being an increase of 75—males, 61 ; females, 14—over the previous year.

The insane of the colony are distributed as follows:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Auckland	341	197	538
Christchurch	317	239	556
Dunedin (Seacliff)	430	235	665
Hokitika	88	32	120
Nelson	84	54	138
Porirua	258	250	508
Wellington	177	104	281
Ashburn Hall (private asylum)	20	22	42
	1,715	1,133	2,848

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

New Zealand (exclusive of Maoris)	4·00	per 1,000, or 1 in 250
New Zealand (inclusive of Maoris)	3·82	" 1 in 262

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

Exclusive of Maoris	2·94	" 1 in 339
Inclusive of Maoris	2·82	" 1 in 355

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

Exclusive of Maoris	3·50	" 1 in 286
Inclusive of Maoris	3·35	" 1 in 299

ADMISSIONS.

On the 1st January, 1902, the number of insane persons in our Asylums was—males, 1,654 ; females, 1,119 : total, 2,773. The number of those admitted during the year for the first time was—males, 290 ; females, 150 : total, 440. The readmissions numbered—males, 62 ; females, 42 : total, 104.

DEATHS.

The percentage of deaths on the average number resident during the year was 6·28, as compared with 6·41 for the previous year. The percentage of deaths on the admissions was—males, 34·90 ; females, 28·65 : total, 32·17.

RECOVERIES.

The percentage of recoveries on the admissions was—males, 38·35 ; females, 51·56 : total, 43·01, as compared with 42·17 for the previous year.