

FINANCIAL RESULTS OF THE YEAR.

The following table gives the gross and net cost per patient for the year 1902, as compared with the previous year :—

Asylum.	1902.		1901.		1902.	1902.
	Total Cost per Patient.	Total Cost per Patient, less Receipts for Maintenance, Sales of Produce, &c.	Total Cost per Patient.	Total Cost per Patient, less Receipts for Maintenance, Sales of Produce, &c.	Increase.	Decrease.
Auckland ...	£ s. d. 24 7 0 ¹ / ₄	£ s. d. 17 11 3 ³ / ₄	£ s. d. 24 6 0	£ s. d. 17 6 2	£ s. d. 0 5 1 ³ / ₄	£ s. d. ...
Christchurch ...	28 3 6 ¹ / ₂	19 15 2 ³ / ₄	26 6 4 ¹ / ₄	17 12 11 ³ / ₄	2 2 3	...
Seacliff ...	32 15 5 ¹ / ₄	23 6 8 ¹ / ₄	28 13 1 ³ / ₄	19 17 8	3 9 0 ¹ / ₄	...
Hokitika ...	27 16 0 ¹ / ₄	25 12 2 ³ / ₄	26 16 9	24 18 2	0 14 0 ³ / ₄	...
Nelson ...	33 0 6 ¹ / ₂	26 1 11	33 12 11 ¹ / ₂	26 16 4 ¹ / ₄	...	0 14 5 ¹ / ₄
Porirua ...	30 14 0	24 14 4	27 19 0	22 18 6 ¹ / ₄	1 15 9 ³ / ₄	...
Wellington ...	34 11 7 ¹ / ₄	26 17 8	36 6 3 ¹ / ₂	28 6 0	..	1 8 4
Averages ...	29 16 7 ¹ / ₂	22 6 10	28 1 11 ¹ / ₂	20 16 11 ¹ / ₂	1 9 10 ¹ / ₂	...

The large increase in the cost per patient is mainly owing to the rise in the price of meat and flour.
The following shows the annual cost per patient from 1876 to 1902 :—

Year.	Cost per Patient.	Year.	Cost per Patient.	Year.	Cost per Patient.
1876 ...	£ s. d. 46 1 5 ¹ / ₄	1885 ...	£ s. d. 25 19 5	1894 ...	£ s. d. 23 16 4 ¹ / ₂
1877 ...	37 8 11 ¹ / ₂	1886 ...	27 0 9 ¹ / ₂	1895 ...	22 13 8 ¹ / ₂
1878 ...	36 0 11	1887 ...	22 18 4 ¹ / ₂	1896 ...	22 9 10 ¹ / ₂
1879 ...	31 5 9 ³ / ₄	1888 ...	21 8 1	1897 ...	23 0 9 ¹ / ₂
1880 ...	28 18 0 ¹ / ₂	1889 ...	21 10 4	1898 ...	22 7 8 ³ / ₄
1881 ...	25 18 4 ¹ / ₂	1890 ...	20 10 3	1899 ...	21 19 0
1882 ...	28 15 1	1891 ...	20 16 2 ¹ / ₂	1900 ...	22 9 8
1883 ...	29 0 4	1892 ...	21 16 8 ³ / ₄	1901 ...	21 17 9 ¹ / ₂
1884 ...	29 8 9 ¹ / ₂	1893 ...	23 7 4	1902 ...	23 11 5 ¹ / ₂

SLEEPING-ACCOMMODATION IN ASYLUMS.

Asylum.	Number of Patients, 31st March, 1903.	Number of Single Rooms.	Number of Patients to be accommodated in Common Dormitories.	Common Dormitory Accommodation : Cubic Feet.	Statutory Accommodation in Common Dormitories : Number of Patients.	Number of Patients in excess of Statutory Accommodation.
Auckland ...	551	132	419	247,732	413	6
Christchurch ...	555	81	474	227,010	378	96
Seacliff ...	676	176	500	263,534	439	61
Hokitika ...	121	30	91	69,302	115	...
Nelson ...	141	35	106	65,111	102	4
Porirua ...	516	68	448	295,201	492	...
Wellington ...	291	77	214	100,173	167	47
Totals ...	2,851	599	2,252	1,268,063	2,106	...

Single Rooms.

Asylum.	Number of Single Rooms.	Total Space : Cubic Feet.	Cubic Feet for each Room.
Auckland ...	132	119,280	903
Christchurch ...	81	68,801	850
Seacliff ...	176	144,839	823
Hokitika ...	30	22,513	750
Nelson ...	35	29,589	842
Porirua ...	68	63,217	929
Wellington ...	77	72,509	942
Totals ...	599	520,748	869