

1904.
NEW ZEALAND.

LUNATIC ASYLUMS OF THE COLONY

(REPORT ON) FOR 1903.

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, 27th July, 1904.

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, 1903 :—

The number of registered insane persons on the 31st December, 1903, was 2,959—males, 1,771 ; females, 1,188, being an increase of 111—males, 56 ; females, 55—over the previous year.

The insane of the colony are distributed as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Auckland	364	212	576
Christchurch	271	233	504
Dunedin (Seacliff)	428	253	681
Hokitika	130	41	171
Nelson	88	56	144
Porirua	328	253	581
Wellington	142	120	262
Ashburn Hall (private asylum)	20	20	40
	1,771	1,188	2,959

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

New Zealand (exclusive of Maoris)	3·99	per 1,000, or 1 in 251
New Zealand (inclusive of Maoris)	3·83	" 1 in 261

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

Exclusive of Maoris	2·99	" 1 in 334
Inclusive of Maoris	2·88	" 1 in 348

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

Exclusive of Maoris	3·53	" 1 in 284
Inclusive of Maoris	3·38	" 1 in 296

ADMISSIONS.

On the 1st January, 1903, the number of insane persons in our asylums was—males, 1,715 ; females, 1,133 : total, 2,848. The number of those admitted during the year for the first time was—males, 306 ; females, 183 : total, 489. The readmissions numbered—males, 148 ; females, 54 : total, 202. The number transferred from one asylum to another during the year was—males, 99 ; females, 11 : total, 110.

DEATHS.

The percentage of deaths on the average number resident during the year was 5·96, as compared with 6·28 for the previous year. The percentage of deaths on the admissions was—males, 36·34 ; females, 19·47 : total, 29·78.

RECOVERIES.

The percentage of recoveries on the admissions was—males, 40·56 ; females, 44·69 : total, 42·17, as compared with—males, 38·35 ; females, 51·56 : total, 43·01, for the previous year.