

SESSION II.

1906.

NEW ZEALAND.

MENTAL HOSPITALS OF THE COLONY

(REPORT ON) FOR 1905.

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

The INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF ASYLUMS to the Hon. the PREMIER.

SIR,—

Wellington, 21st July, 1906.

I have the honour to lay before you the following report on the Mental Hospitals of the colony for the year ended the 31st December, 1905:—

The number of registered insane persons on the 31st December, 1905, was 3,112—males, 1,836; females, 1,276, being an increase of 74—males, 35; females, 39—over the previous year.

The insane of the colony are distributed as follows:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Auckland	380	252	632
Christchurch	276	265	541
Dunedin (Seacliff)	467	269	736
Hokitika	132	39	171
Nelson	84	58	142
Porirua	329	279	608
Wellington	149	89	238
Ashburn Hall (private mental hospital)	19	25	44
	1,836	1,276	3,112

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

New Zealand (exclusive of Maoris)	3·89 per 1,000, or 1 in 257
New Zealand (inclusive of Maoris)	3·74 " 1 in 267

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

Exclusive of Maoris	3·04 " 1 in 325
Inclusive of Maoris	2·93 " 1 in 341

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

Exclusive of Maoris	3·49 " 1 in 286
Inclusive of Maoris	3·36 " 1 in 297

ADMISSIONS.

On the 1st January, 1905, the number of insane persons in our mental hospitals was—males, 1,801; females, 1,237: total, 3,038. The number of those admitted during the year for the first time was—males, 342; females, 235: total, 577. The readmissions numbered—males, 57; females, 45: total, 102. The number transferred from one hospital to another during the year was—males, 39; females, 29: total, 68.

DEATHS.

The percentage of deaths on the average number resident during the year was 7·07, as compared with 6·38 for the previous year. The percentage of deaths on the admissions was—males, 40·83; females, 26·69: total, 35·02.

RECOVERIES.

The percentage of recoveries on the admissions was—males, 41·39; females, 48·21: total, 44·19, as compared with—males, 46·18; females, 44·17: total, 45·34, for the previous year.

PROPORTION OF THE INSANE TO THE POPULATION.

1878	1 in 471 or 2·12 per 1,000
1883	" 393 " 2·54 "
1888	" 361 " 2·77 "
1893	" 330 " 3·03 "
1898	" 300 " 3·33 "
1903	" 284 " 3·53 "
1904	" 285 " 3·51 "
1905	" 286 " 3·49 "