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MENTAL HOSPITALS OF THE DOMINION.

(REPORT ON) FOR 1942.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 78 of the Mental Defectives Act, 1911.

The DIRECTOR-GENERAL to the Hon. A. H. NORDMEYER, Minister in Charge of the Department of Mental Hospitals.

Wellington, 1st March, 1943.

SIR,—

I have the honour to present the annual report on the Mental Hospitals for the year ending 31st December, 1942.

As there is a continued wartime need to abbreviate reports, I have presented only those statistical tables which are necessary to maintain continuity of departmental records.

I thank all those officers who are so loyally serving the Department under the present most difficult conditions.

T. G. GRAY, Director-General.

TABLE VIII.—SHOWING THE ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS FROM 1st JANUARY, 1876, TO 31st DECEMBER, 1942 (EXCLUDING TRANSFERS).

						M.	F.	T.
In hospital, 31st December, 1875	..	..	..	..	..	482	254	736
Admissions	..	..	..	..	..	26,453	21,059	47,512
						26,935	21,313	48,248
Discharged—								
Recovered	..	..	..	..	..	9,043	8,198	17,241
Not recovered	..	..	..	..	..	3,061	2,775	5,836
Died	..	..	..	..	..	10,448	6,647	17,095
							22,552	17,620
Remaining on the 31st December, 1942 ..	..	..	..	..	..	4,383	3,693	8,076

TABLE IX.—SUMMARY OF TOTAL ADMISSIONS: PERCENTAGE OF CASES SINCE THE YEAR 1876.

						Males.	Females.	Both Sexes.
Recovered	..	..	..	..	..	33·57	38·46	35·73
Not recovered	..	..	..	..	..	11·37	13·02	12·10
Died	..	..	..	..	..	38·79	31·19	35·43
Remaining	..	..	..	..	..	16·27	17·33	16·74
						100·00	100·00	100·00

TABLE I.—SHOWING THE ADMISSIONS, READMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS IN MENTAL HOSPITALS DURING THE YEAR 1942.

				M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
In mental hospitals, 1st January, 1942	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,404	3,738	8,142
Admitted for the first time	..	..	..	466	516	982	}	563	648
Readmitted	..	..	..	97	132	229			
Total under care during the year				..	..	..	4,967	4,386	9,353
Discharged and died—									
Recovered	..	..	..	146	198	344			
Not recovered	..	..	..	125	152	277			
Died	..	..	..	313	343	656			
(Not including transfers—Males, 159; females, 502.)							584	693	1,277
Remaining in mental hospitals, 31st December, 1942	..	..	..				4,383	3,693	8,076
Decrease from 31st December, 1941	..	..	..				21	45	66
Average number resident during the year	..	..	..				4 189	3,498	7,687

TABLE II.—ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS, WITH THE MEAN ANNUAL MORTALITY AND PROPORTION OF RECOVERIES, ETC., PER CENT. ON THE ADMISSIONS, ETC., DURING THE YEAR 1942.

Mental Hospitals.	In Mental Hospitals on 1st January, 1942.						Admissions in 1942.									Total Number of Patients under Care.		
							Admitted for the First Time.			Not First Admissions.			Transfers.					
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.			
Auckland	670	611	1,281	122	112	234	20	34	54	11	61	72	823	818	1,641			
Kingseat	412	330	742	4	5	9	1	1	2	7	83	90	424	419	843			
Tokanni	390	374	764	32	44	76	4	1	5	6	268	274	432	687	1,119			
Porirua	767	683	1,450	113	146	259	34	50	84	7	9	16	921	888	1,809			
Nelson	484	394	878	53	30	83	7	5	12	103	2	105	647	431	1,078			
Hokitika	256	282	538	9	9	18	1	1	2	6	15	21	272	307	579			
Christchurch	777	614	1,391	69	100	169	23	24	47	11	57	68	880	795	1,675			
Seacliff	638	426	1,064	60	63	123	7	15	22	6	7	13	711	511	1,222			
Ashburn Hall (private mental hospital)	10	24	34	4	7	11	..	1	1	2	..	2	16	32	48			
Totals	4,404	3,738	8,142	466	516	982	97	132	229	159	502	661	5,126	4,888	10,014			

Mental Hospitals.	Patients Discharged, Transferred, and Died.												In Mental Hospitals on 31st December, 1942.					
	Discharged recovered.			Discharged not recovered.			Transferred.			Died.						Total discharged, transferred, and died.		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.			
Auckland	36	45	81	32	41	73	13	52	65	60	46	106	141	184	325	682	634	1,316
Kingseat	5	1	6	1	4	5	..	80	80	15	9	24	21	94	115	403	325	728
Tokanui	11	18	29	12	19	31	4	10	14	13	24	37	40	71	111	392	616	1,008
Porirua	53	83	136	23	30	53	108	323	431	78	76	154	262	512	774	659	376	1,035
Nelson	7	9	16	3	4	7	7	7	14	49	26	75	66	46	112	581	385	966
Hokitika	5	2	7	5	3	8	5	2	7	14	21	35	29	28	57	243	279	522
Christchurch ..	15	20	35	30	35	65	16	21	37	50	59	109	111	135	246	769	660	1,429
Seacliff	13	18	31	18	15	33	5	3	8	33	80	113	69	116	185	642	395	1,037
Ashburn Hall (private mental hospital)	1	2	3	1	1	2	1	4	5	1	2	3	4	9	13	12	23	35
Totals	146	198	344	125	152	277	159	502	661	313	343	656	743	1,195	1,938	4,383	3,693	8,076

Mental Hospitals.				Average Number resident during the Year.			Percentage of Recoveries on Admissions during the Year.			Percentage of Deaths on Average Number resident during the Year.		
				M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Auckland	..	..	..	626	558	1,184	25.35	30.82	28.13	9.58	8.24	8.95
Kingseat	..	..	..	404	336	740	100.00	16.67	54.55	3.71	2.68	3.24
Tokanui	..	..	..	368	405	773	30.56	40.00	35.80	3.53	5.93	4.79
Porirua	..	..	..	700	540	1,240	36.05	42.35	39.65	11.14	14.08	12.42
Nelson	..	..	..	507	373	880	11.67	25.71	16.84	9.66	6.97	8.52
Hokitika	..	..	..	241	273	514	50.00	20.00	35.00	5.81	7.69	6.81
Christchurch	..	..	..	722	587	1,309	16.30	16.13	16.20	6.93	10.05	8.33
Seacliff	..	..	..	610	405	1,015	19.40	23.08	21.38	5.41	19.75	11.13
Ashburn Hall (private mental hospital)	..	..	..	11	21	32	25.00	25.00	25.00	9.09	9.52	9.38
Totals	..	..	..	4,189	3,498	7,687	25.93	30.56	28.41	7.47	9.81	8.53

