

## SLEEPING-ACCOMMODATION IN ASYLUMS.

Asylum.	Number of Patients, 31st March, 1900.	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 ...	467	94	373	219,122	365	8
Christchurch ...	507	82	425	227,010	378	47
Seacliff ...	599	153	446	265,602	442	4
Hokitika ...	128	21	107	69,302	115	...
Nelson ...	137	30	107	59,519	99	8
Porirua ...	424	39	385	269,204	448	...
Wellington ...	250	67	183	100,173	167	16
Totals ...	2,512	486	2,026	1,209,932	2,014	...

*Single Rooms.*

Asylum.	Number of Single Rooms.	Total Space: Cubic Feet.	Cubic Feet for each Room.
Auckland ...	94	84,508	899
Christchurch ...	82	69,651	850
Seacliff ...	153	119,334	779
Hokitika ...	21	15,055	716
Nelson ...	30	26,570	886
Porirua ...	39	36,443	934
Wellington ...	67	60,663	906
Totals ...	486	412,224	848

At Auckland there is apparently sleeping-accommodation for 459 patients, but there is only floor-space for 407. The number in the Asylum is 467; there are, therefore, sixty patients in excess of the statutory requirements.

At Nelson the apparent accommodation in common dormitories is for ninety-nine patients, but there is only floor-space for ninety-three. The actual number accommodated is 107, being fourteen in excess of legal requirements.

At Porirua there appears to be sleeping-room for 448 patients in the common dormitories, but the floor-space will only allow of 396 being accommodated.

At Wellington Asylum the floor-space is sufficient for 161 patients, and 183 are accommodated.

The following table shows the actual deficiency in sleeping-accommodation:—

Auckland ...	60 patients in excess.
Christchurch ...	47 "
Seacliff ...	4 "
Nelson ...	14 "
Wellington ...	22 "

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Less room for 8 at Hokitika, and 11 at Porirua ... 19

Total ... 128 patients in excess.

The following is the accommodation in course of construction and authorised:—

Auckland ...	60 beds.
Seacliff ...	43 "
Porirua ...	78 "
Nelson ...	18 "
Hokitika ...	10 "

Total ... 209 beds.

## NEW WORKS REQUIRED AND NOW IN HAND.

At length the long delay in finishing Porirua Asylum has come to an end. In a few months this Asylum will be complete, providing good accommodation for 513 patients. The laying-out of the grounds and new airing-courts can then be carried on without being interrupted by the building operations. A suitable residence for the Medical Superintendent is now nearly ready for occupation. The old building for the farm-hands, which the doctor has hitherto occupied as a residence, can now be used as a hospital ward.