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# LUNATIC ASYLUMS OF THE COLONY

(REPORT ON) FOR 1901.

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

The INSPECTOR-GENERAL of ASYLUMS to the Hon. the MINISTER of EDUCATION.

SIR,—

Wellington, 18th February, 1902.

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, 1901:—

The number of registered insane persons on the 31st December, 1901, was 2,773—Males, 1,654; females, 1,119, being an increase of 101—males, 73; females, 28—over the previous year.

The insane of the colony are distributed as follows:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Auckland .....	322	193	515
Christchurch .....	303	243	546
Dunedin (Seacliff) .....	423	226	649
Hokitika .....	85	31	116
Nelson .....	85	54	139
Porirua .....	264	251	515
Wellington .....	152	100	252
Ashburn Hall (private asylum) .....	20	21	41
	1,654	1,119	2,773

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

New Zealand (exclusive of Maoris) ... 3·97 per 1,000, or 1 in 252

New Zealand (inclusive of Maoris) ... 3·78 " 1 in 264

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

Exclusive of Maoris ... 2·96 " 1 in 337

Inclusive of Maoris ... 2·84 " 1 in 352

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

Exclusive of Maoris ... 3·49 " 1 in 286

Inclusive of Maoris ... 3·34 " 1 in 300

## ADMISSIONS.

On the 1st January, 1901, the number of insane persons in our asylums was—Males, 1,581; females, 1,091; total, 2,672. The number of those admitted during the year for the first time was—Males, 281; females, 186; total, 467. The readmissions numbered—Males, 92; females, 38; total, 130.

## DEATHS.

The percentage of deaths on the average number resident during the year was 6·41, as compared with 5·61 for the previous year. The percentage of deaths on the admissions was—Males, 31·87; females, 32·29; total, 32·04.