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OF THE

STATE COLONY FOR THE INSANE

AT GARDNER,

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JOSEPH B. HOWLAND, M.D., *Superintendent and Treasurer.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

To His Excellency the Governor and to the Honorable Council.

The trustees of the State Colony for the Insane have the honor to present the first annual report of this institution.

On Dec. 18, 1901, under the provisions of chapter 451 of the legislative acts of the year 1900, His Excellency Governor Crane appointed the Board of Trustees of the State Colony for the Insane.

By the wording of the appointment the trust is held "from the first Wednesday of February in the year nineteen hundred and two." Hence we could not legally act until that time.

One of our first duties was to select a superintendent. Out of seven applicants, many of whom would have been able to perform our work, the Board unanimously elected Dr. Joseph B. Howland. He entered upon his duties on the first day of the following April. His careful attention to his manifold duties has made us feel that the choice was a wise one.

The land of the colony, situated in the towns of Gardner, Westminster and Ashburnham, is beautiful rolling country, well divided into woodland, pasture and land for tillage. The hills rise to 1,000 and 1,100 feet, affording many beautiful views.

After several visits and careful consideration by the Board, a location was selected for the first buildings, and the work of organizing and building has been despatched as fast as the judgment of the Board deemed it advisable. The progress since the time of selecting a superintendent is carefully outlined in his report, which is herein contained, and we will not weary you by enumerating it again.

The tables concerning the finances, demanded by the auditor, are also presented.

We heartily endorse the recommendations of the superintendent, but should like to add that a small appropriation ought to be allowed for land which is needed to round out the purchase of the State Colony for the Insane, provided the land can be purchased at market price, and also an appropriation for the erection of a suitable dumping arrangement for coal.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT B. HOWARD.
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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Board of Trustees of the State Colony for the Insane.

I respectfully submit the first superintendent's report of the State Colony for the Insane, covering the time from my appointment, April 1, 1902, to Sept. 30, 1903.

Of the 1,541.51 acres of land purchased for the colony, an estimate has been made that 311 acres have at some time been cultivated, 839 acres are pasture land, and the balance woodland. The several farmhouses and barns have been examined for their possible usefulness. In my opinion, the only house suitable for occupancy by patients is the one we are at present using for that purpose. The house known as the Gates house, a small cottage, may be rented later to some officer of the colony. The buildings on the Goodale farm may serve a similar purpose. One small barn, the Seaver barn, is nearly new, and is being used for storage. The remainder of the buildings are so much decayed that I do not think them of sufficient value to warrant an outlay of money for repairs.

The side track, built for us in the summer of 1902 by the Boston & Maine Railroad Company, on the line of the Fitchburg division, and the storehouse which we built beside it, have already proved of much value in the landing and storing of builders' supplies, and have, I think, saved us considerable on the costs of our new buildings. In the spring of last year all the pieces of land that had previously been ploughed but not seeded, about 30 acres, were sown with oats and grass seed.

During the summer of 1902 the buildings on the Hromada farm were repaired and enlarged to accommodate 10 patients. As soon as the Governor proclaimed the colony open for the reception of patients, Oct. 22, 1902, 5 were transferred from the Taunton Insane Hospital, and in December 5 more were sent us from the Westborough Insane Hospital. During the

winter they worked in the woods, logging, cutting and drawing out enough logs to saw into 46,000 feet of lumber. This past summer they have worked at farming, and on the excavations for our water supply.

The new buildings are in various stages of progress, as follows: Men's receiving ward, masonry completed and the roof boarded, and building will probably be completed in December. Domestic building, walls of the two wings completed and the roofs ready to board in: the main walls are built as far as the first floor. Power house, building practically completed, and the boilers being set at the present time. Work on the excavations of the administration building and the women's receiving ward are being rapidly pushed, and it is expected that the administration building will be covered in by January 1. Plans for a set of farm buildings, consisting of a dormitory, feed barn and cow barn, are being drawn, and work on them will be begun this winter.

I would respectfully recommend that money be asked for, for the following purposes next year, viz.: erecting and furnishing buildings for 100 patients, and for farm buildings and water supply for the same, \$56,000; for constructing filter beds for the receiving group and adjoining farms, \$15,000; for building ice house and equipping with ice-hoisting machinery, \$4,000; for a mechanics' building (carpenter, machine and blacksmith shop), \$6,000; for spur track and coal trestle, \$6,000; and for machinery and tools for building and maintaining roads, \$650.

In closing this report I wish to thank the members of your Board for the confidence they have shown and the support given me in this new work.

JOSEPH B. HOWLAND,
Superintendent.

VALUATION.

Live stock,	\$2,034 00
Products of farm on hand,	1,148 67
Wood and lumber,	1,310 75
Carriages and agricultural implements,	1,104 00
Beds, bedding and furniture in inmates' department,	878 85
Ready-made clothing,	63 56
Personal property in superintendent's department,	1,334 64
Real estate { Buildings,	40,550 60
{ Land,	25,000 00
	\$73,425 07

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the State Colony for the Insane.

I herewith submit my first report of the finances of the State Colony for the Insane for the period beginning April 1, 1902, and ending Sept. 30, 1903.

APRIL 1, 1902, TO SEPT. 30, 1902

Receipts.

Received from State Treasurer from April 1, 1902, to Sept. 30, 1902, on account of appropriations under Acts of 1902, chapters 65 and 434,	\$12,917 79
Received from sale of farm products,	18 00
Total receipts,	\$12,935 79

Expenses.

Salaries,	\$1,409 98
Labor, including teaming,	1,053 47
Horses, carriages and harnesses,	935 50
Farm implements,	230 59
Repairs of farm buildings and water supply,	2,403 88
Temporary administration building and stable,	1,359 06
Storehouse, first payment,	2,500 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	3,025 31
Collected and paid State Treasurer,	18 00
Total expenses,	\$12,935 79

OCT. 1, 1902, TO SEPT. 30, 1903.

Receipts.

Received from State Treasurer on account of appropriations under Acts of 1902, chapter 434, section 2, to Jan. 1, 1903,	\$8,571 22
Received from State Treasurer for current expenses,	7,596 02
Received from cities and towns for support of patients,	256 40
Received from sale of farm products,	430 23
Received from sale of junk,	34 50
Total receipts,	\$16,888 37

Expenses.

Salaries, wages and labor: —

Pay roll,	\$3,943 04
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Food: —

Butter and butterine,	\$54 13
Beans,	14 70
Bread and crackers,	9 70
Cereals, rice, meal, etc.,	33 72
Cheese,	12 35
Eggs,	19 62
Flour,	63 05
Fish,	69 21
Fruit,	13 25
Meats,	398 04
Milk,	10
Molasses,	6 70
Sugar,	55 03
Tea, coffee, broma and cocoa,	54 21
Vegetables,	37 70
Sundries,	52 66
Board,	30 00

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Clothing and clothing material: —

Boots, shoes and rubbers,	\$117 20
Clothing,	120 60
Dry goods for clothing, and small wares,	33 27
Furnishing goods,	31 50
Hats and caps,	9 15
Leather and shoe findings,	40
Sundries,	10 75

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Furnishings: —

Beds, bedding, table linen, etc.,	\$50 15
Brushes, brooms, etc.,	1 95
Carpets, rugs, etc.,	5 20
Crockery, glass ware, cutlery, etc.,	51 12
Furniture and upholstery,	119 55
Kitchen furnishings,	81 54
Wooden ware, buckets, pails, etc.,	15 15
Sundries,	29 28

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Heat, light and power: —

Coal,	\$23 25
Oil,	31 96
Sundries,	3 40

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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$5,602 63</i>
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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$5,602 63	
Repairs and improvements:—			
Cement, lime and plaster,		\$0 35	
Doors, sashes, etc.,		42 40	
Hardware,		208 13	
Lumber,		420 35	
Machinery, etc.,		6 83	
Paints, oils, glass, etc.,		33 55	
Plumbing, steam-fitting and supplies,		44 80	
Roofing and materials,		17 45	
Mechanics and laborers (not on pay roll),		124 16	
Sundries,		3 63	
			901 65
Farm, stable and grounds:—			
Blacksmith and supplies,		\$77 88	
Carriages, wagons and repairs,		471 12	
Fertilizers, vines, seeds, etc.,		242 65	
Hay, grain, etc.,		509 90	
Harness and repairs,		101 95	
Horses,		835 00	
Cows,		794 34	
Other live stock,		30 00	
Labor (not on pay roll),		716 51	
Tools, farm machines, etc.,		249 26	
Sundries,		58 11	
Veterinary,		2 50	
			4,089 22
Miscellaneous:—			
Books, periodicals, etc.,		\$19 50	
Chapel services and entertainments,		9 82	
Freight, expressage and transportation,		45 43	
Hose, etc.,		27 00	
Ice,		3 00	
Medicine and hospital supplies,		8 35	
Postage,		21 10	
Printing and printing supplies,		53 45	
Soap and laundry supplies,		29 58	
Stationery and office supplies,		27 35	
Travel and expenses (officials),		563 54	
Telephone and telegraph,		199 72	
Tobacco,		29 40	
Sundries,		58 49	
Surveying,		23 16	
Bonding land,		50 00	
Examination of title to land,		15 65	
			1,184 54
Expended for new construction to Jan. 1, 1903,			4,389 20
Collected and paid State Treasurer,			721 13
Total expenses,			\$16,888 37

RESOURCES.

Unexpended balance of maintenance appropriation,	\$5,833 98	
Due from cities and towns for support of patients,	110 40	
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Special Appropriations for the Year ending Sept. 30, 1903.

OBJECT.	Resolve.	Amount.	Expended	Balance Oct. 1, 1903.
General construction (applicable to maintenance to Jan. 1, 1903).	1902, chap. 434,	\$150,000 00	\$53,575 66*	\$96,424 34
Purchase of land,	1903, chap. 414,	750 00	750 00	-
Ward for 100 patients, and furnishings,	1903, chap. 414,	60,000 00	-	60,000 00
Administration building and furnishings.	1903, chap. 414,	33,000 00	-	33,000 00
Building for 25 patients, and farm buildings.	1903, chap. 414,	15,000 00	-	15,000 00
Sewage disposal, water supply, stone crushing plant and an additional boiler and dynamo.	1903, chap. 414,	17,000 00	-	17,000 00
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		\$275,750 00	\$54,325 66	\$221,424 34

* Of this amount, \$12,917.79 was expended prior to Oct. 1, 1902.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH B. HOWLAND,
Treasurer.

GARDNER, MASS., Oct. 1, 1903.

