

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1846.

9 Victoria – Chapter 4 (Session 1)

An Act for the Establishment of a Lunatic Asylum in St. John's. (Passed 28th April, 1846.)

Whereas it is expedient that an Asylum for the reception and cure of persons of unsound mind should be established at St. John's:

- I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, That from and out of such Monies as may from time to time remain in the hands of the Colonial Treasurer, unappropriated, there be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, which said Sum shall be appropriated in manner hereinafter prescribed in the establishment at St. John's of a Lunatic Asylum.
- II. And be it further enacted, That the Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, shall have full power to expend the said Sum of Money so granted as aforesaid, in providing a suitable Building for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act, and to regulate the admission of Patients in the said Asylum, and to make all such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, as may be necessary for the efficient superintendence, management and control of the said Asylum.
- III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor, or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by Warrant under his hand and seal, to nominate and appoint Seven fit and proper persons, of whom Three shall be a quorum, to be and act as a Board of Commissioners for the said Asylum, and that whenever a vacancy shall occur in the number of the said Board, by the death, resignation, or absence from the Colony for twelve months, of any Member thereof, it shall be lawful for the Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, to supply such vacancy by the appointment thereto, in manner aforesaid, of some other fit and proper person, and either temporarily or permanently, as may be deemed most expedient.
- IV. And be it further enacted, That the Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, shall have power to appoint the Medical and other Superintendents, Keepers, and Servants, and to fix and regulate their Salaries.
- V. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall have full power and authority to carry into effect all such rules, orders, and regulations as shall be made and adopted by the Governor and Council, and generally to superintend the management of the said Asylum.
- VI. And be it further enacted, That the Money herein granted and hereby required for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act, shall be paid in discharge of such Warrants as may from time to time be issued by the Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, on the Colonial Treasurer, in favor of such persons as the said Governor or Administrator as aforesaid may appoint to receive the same, under the provisions aforesaid.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the said Board of Commissioners shall, on or before the Tenth Day of January in each year, and at all times when required, transmit to the Office of the Colonial Secretary a full and detailed Report, Statement and Account of the Receipts, Disbursements, State, Progress, and Condition of the said Asylum, and of such other matters connected therewith as may be in that behalf directed.