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To an Address of the Legislative Assembly for copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, or any person acting on their behalf, and the applicants for the position of Resident Physician of the Lunatic Asylum.

By Command.

A. C. Elliott,
Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
25th February, 1878.

Application of W. Wymond Walkem, M. D.

Victoria, B. C, 12th May, 1876.

Sir,—I have the honour respectfully to apply for the position of Medical Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) W. Wymond Walkem, M. D.

To His Excellency
the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

The undersigned hereby recommend Dr. Wymond Walkem as a suitable person to fill the post of Superintendent to and Resident Physician of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum.

(Signed)

A. W. Vowell,
John Ash,
J. W. Douglas,
William Morrison,
Frederick Williams,
Wm. Smithe,
E. Pimbury,
Charles Gallagher,
Robert Smith,
A. E. B. Davie,
W. M. Brown,
John Evans,
John A. Mara,

And Mr Bryden, who has not signed as yet.

Application of Wm. Jackson, M. R. C. S. E.

Victoria, B. C., May 17th, 1876.

Sir,—Understanding a Resident Medical Officer is required for the British Columbia Lunatic Asylum, I beg to apply for the appointment, and would state I have had eleven years experience as Resident Medical Officer of Victoria Royal Hospital, where all classes of patients are treated, and refer to Dr Helmcken and A. F. Pemberton, Esquire.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) Wm. Jackson, M. R. C. S. E.

To the Honourable A. C. Elliott.

Application of Thomas R. McInnes.

NEW WESTMINSTER, May 29th, 1876.

DEAR SIR,—Allow me to apply for the situation of Medical Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, now in course of erection in this city.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) THOMAS R. MCINNES.

To the Honourable E. Brown.

[TELEGRAM.]

Application of John Chipp.

BARKERVILLE, June 2nd, 1876.

To Hon. A. C. Elliott:

I solicit the appointment of Medical Superintendent to Lunatic Asylum.

(Signed) JOHN CHIPP.

Application of W. Macnaughton Jones, M. D.

BARKERVILLE, June 10th, 1876.

SIR,—I beg respectfully to lay before you, for the favourable consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, an application for the position of Medical Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum.

I am Doctor in Medicine, Master in Surgery, and Bachelor in Arts, of Dublin, Ireland.

Before admission to my examination of M. D., it was necessary to produce a certificate of attendance on a public Lunatic Asylum, and of acquaintance with its management. The certificate I produced for the Board of Examination was from the Cork Lunatic Asylum, where there were about 800 patients, and it stated that I was in attendance there for two years.

This document, of course, I do not hold. The M D. degree implies its possession. Management of the insane comprised a subject of that degree examination.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) W. MACNAUGHTON JONES.

To the Honourable
the Provincial Secretary.

Application of Henry Landon, M. D.

LONDON, ONTARIO, July 10th, 1876.

SIR,—I saw in a Columbia paper that it was the intention of the Government to seek an experienced physician to take charge of the Asylum erecting in your Province.

My experience extends over a quarter of a century, and before being a candidate for your Asylum, I should like to know the salary and what other provision is made as to residence or allowance for a house, whether maintenance for the Superintendent and family, or private practice allowance, and lastly when it will be ready for occupation.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) HENRY LANDON, M. D.,
Superintendent of London Asylum.

To the Honourable
the Attorney-General of British Columbia.

Application of Arch. Alex. Riddel.

TORONTO, CANADA, 18th July, 1876.

SIR,—Understanding that the office of Medical Superintendent of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum at Victoria is vacant, I respectfully apply for the position.

For the information of the Government, I may state that I am fifty-seven years of age; that I am a member of the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons; that I am also a licentiate of Mexico, in which country I practiced over three years; that I have had charge of the Toronto Small-pox Hospital whenever that institution has been in requisition since 1871, at $8 per day; and that I have been for years, and still am, a Coroner for this city and the county of York.

Should my application not be too late, I can furnish testimonials as to character and qualifications, that I feel assured will prove acceptable. In the meantime, Kenneth McKenzie, Esq., Q. C., who is well known to his Excellency Lieutenant-Governor Richards, has kindly permitted me to make use of his name; and so also has Joseph Workman, Esq., M. D., who, after a service of twenty-two years as medical Superintendent of the Asylum in this city, which contains some six hundred patients, resigned the office last year on account of his age.

Respectfully,

(Signed) ARCH. ALEX. RIDDEL.

To the Honourable
the Provincial Secretary.

An application for the position of Medical Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum was also received from Dr. Trew, of New Westminster, but has been mislaid.

Recommendation of Dr. Jones.

LANGLEY STREET, April 18th, 1877.

MY DEAR ELLIOTT,—Some time ago we had, if you recollect, a conversation relative to the appointment of Medical Superintendent of the Provincial Insane Asylum, whether it would be better to get some one to fill the office from England or not.

I have not written you before on the subject, as I knew your time was fully occupied, but now as the Session is over and the time approaches when the office has to be filled, I think it only right to say that, in accordance with most of my professional brethren here, I am of opinion that instead of trying some one of whom you are not likely to know much, it would be better to appoint Dr. Macnaughton Jones, as he is a gentleman we all know, and his professional acquirements entitle him eminently to seek an appointment of this description. To show that I am right as to the opinion of my professional brethren, I will request them to read and countersign this note. Please excuse my taking up so much of your valuable time,

And believe, etc.

(Signed) J. B. MATTHEWS,
J. S. HELMCKEN,
JNO. C. DAVIE,
I. W. POWELL,
JOHN ASH,
JAMES TRIMBLE.