

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OUTDOOR RELIEF.

To the Board of the House of Industry :

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee have pleasure in stating that the work of visitation has been carried on with much devotion to the needy families of the various portions of the city. It is a matter for sincere satisfaction that whilst we have passed through one of the severest winters experienced for many years, the expenditure has been a good deal less than on the previous year. The cause of this saving is no doubt due in a large measure to the manifest improvement in many business centres in our city and country. For this return of better days and brighter prospects we are truly grateful. Another cause of this lessening of expenses in this department of the Board's work is doubtless due to the increasing efficiency of our faithful and self-denying visitors. So long as the present staff is maintained and men are willing to give their time and best judgment to this benevolent work there need not be any well founded fears that the poor of our city will suffer. To have such men as compose the visiting staff of this House of Industry, who are ready at every call of need to make personal and patient investigation into each case before commending it to the Board for aid, is the best guarantee that the money devoted by the city council or donated by the friends of the Institution, shall be wisely administered. Your Committee feel that these visitors deserve the best thanks of the citizens of Toronto and of your Board for the services they have rendered to many homes of want during the past severe winter. It is an honor to our city that so many men are found within its gates who are willing to bestow so much attention on a truly important and benevolent work.

The following is a statement of work done by those receiving aid and the expenditure for the season :

Families relieved	1,817
(Comprising 6,391 persons.)	
Orders issued for Breaking Stone	478
Worked	288
Doctor certified not able to work	11
Did not work	179
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Thirty-six toise of stone were broken by outdoor poor, at a value of \$6 per toise, or \$216.