

find, that since my last visit, in 1865, the County authorities had begun to supply the prisoners with Gaol clothing. The clothing, however, furnished for the male prisoners was not of the pattern prescribed by the Prison Regulations. I called the attention of the County authorities, by a memorandum in the Inspectors' book, to the necessity and importance of strictly complying with the Prison Regulations in the matter of clothing. I also expressed regret, that no baths or tubs for washing the prisoners on their admission to the Prison had yet been supplied.

I invited the attention of the local authorities to the circular of the Board, respecting sanitary measures which should be enforced in the Gaol, in view of the probability of our being visited by the cholera.

In connection with this subject, Dr. Grant brought under my notice the fact, that the cesspools and privies connected with the old Gaol building had never been cleaned out since the Gaol was abandoned, and that the exhalations from this mass of accumulated night-soil in the immediate vicinity of the new Gaol, could hardly fail to affect the health of the prisoners. In my memorandum I bespoke the immediate attention of the local authorities to this matter, which so nearly concerned the health of the city, as well as of the Prison.

I visited the Gaol again on the 15th of October.

PERTH.

(*County of Lanark.*)

I visited this Gaol on the 26th of September. There were then five prisoners confined in it, all males. Of these one was a lunatic.

Found the Gaol clean throughout. The Gaoler informed me that every effort was made here to employ the prisoners usefully. Besides keeping the Prison clean and sawing the wood required for the Prison, the prisoners were employed in making brooms and other kinds of simple hand labor; although these occupations cannot be properly regarded as "hard labor," they are preferable to absolute idleness, especially to idleness in company with other prisoners.

The Prison rations were supplied as heretofore by the Gaoler, no person being willing, as I was informed, to take the contract for feeding the prisoners.

PICTON.

(*County of Prince Edward.*)

Visited this Gaol on the 24th of September. The only prisoners in confinement at the time of my visit were two crazy men. I was gratified to find that for a great part of the year the Gaol had been without an occupant.

As the contract for the new Gaol has been given out, and the contractors have already commenced their labors, I am relieved from the necessity of commenting on the old Gaol.

I examined the site for the new Gaol and the work of excavation already done, and had some conversation with the contractors about the building.

I reminded the authorities that the prison clothing and all furniture required by the Rules should be provided by the County authorities before the removal of the prisoners to the new Gaol.

LOWER CANADA.

AYLMER.

(*District of Ottawa.*)

I visited this Gaol on the 10th of August. There were then four prisoners, all males, in confinement.

The Gaol was clean through. In accordance with the suggestions made by the Visiting Inspectors, planks had been placed on the stone floors in the night cells.

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