

Public Schools of the Province. As instancing the *esprit de corps* which animates the lads, your Board would beg leave to state that absolutely no attempts to escape have been made during the year. The affection of the lads for the School was shown in a remarkable and encouraging manner by their recent conduct at the Toronto Exhibition. Taken to the grounds, and permitted to wander wherever their inclinations led them, they all assembled promptly at the appointed time and place; this too, though had any one of them cared to make his escape he would have had every facility, owing to the enormous crowd and to the continuous departure of trains from the grounds.

During the year has been erected a second cottage designed to accommodate fifty boys. Your Board regrets that this additional accommodation is by no means adequate for the number of applicants for admission, and it would respectfully suggest that the Board of Governors devise some means of raising the funds needed for the erection of at least two additional cottages. In the circumstances it has been thought well by your Board of Management, to begin the erection of a third cottage. It is believed that the citizens of Toronto and of Ontario generally, have, in order to become interested, only to learn that a large number of poor lads are anxiously looking to the school for