

KINGSTON PENITENTIARY.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WARDEN FOR 1876.

KINGSTON PENITENTIARY, 23rd January, 1877.

SIR.—I beg to submit my Sixth Annual Report of the management of this Penitentiary, together with the usual statements of Income and Expenditure and Statistics of the Institution for the past year.

On 31st December, 1875, there were in this Penitentiary 572 males and 21 females, total 593. Received during 1876, from County Gaols, 217 males and 7 females; from St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, 62 males and 1 female; and 1 escaped convict was re-captured. Total for the year, 881.

Discharged by expiration of sentence, 114 males and 10 females; by pardon, 19 males; sent to Rockwood Lunatic Asylum, 10 males and 1 female; deaths, 7 males; escapes, 3; stone cutters removed to St. Vincent de Paul, 13. Total for the year 1876, 177.

Remaining in the Penitentiary on 31st December, 1876, 685 men and 18 women. Total 703.

Although the monthly average number of convicts has increased from 514 in 1875 to 625 in 1876, the official staff of the prison remains about the same. The staff salaries in 1875 amounted to \$39,759.22, and in 1876 to \$39,110.94. The difference in favour of last year was caused by the death of Mr. Thomas Painter, whose salary of \$1,000 per annum was saved, in consequence of Mr. James Adams having undertaken the performance of Mr. Painter's duties in addition to his own; and it is only just to Mr. Adams to say that he has done so most efficiently.

The amount of expenditure for all purposes in 1875, was \$96,423, which, divided by the average monthly number of convicts, gives the expense of each, say \$188.

Total expenditure for all purposes in 1876, \$106,559; divided by the average monthly number of prisoners during the year, gives the expenditure of each convict, say \$170.

The steady increase in the number of prisoners which has been going on for several years past, will, no doubt, continue till remunerative labour becomes more plentiful, both in Canada and the United States.

Although we have not had any convicts employed on regular contract work, as in former years, yet from various sources outside of the Penitentiary the sum of \$23,332 has been earned. The larger portion of this work was received from various departments of the Dominion Government, and I hope that as the experiment, so far as I know, has been successful and advantageous, a much larger quantity will be given us this year. No employment for a Penitentiary can be more legitimate than Government work. Almost anything that is required can be made here.