

MANITOBA PENITENTIARY—Time Table, &c.—*Concluded.*

From 1st March to 14th Oct.
From 15th Oct. to 28-9th Feb.

DUTIES PERFORMED.

A.M.	A.M.	<i>Sundays—Concluded.</i>
7.25	7.25	Breakfast ready in dining-hall; No. 23 door locked.
7.30	7.30	Bell rings for breakfast; prisoners unlocked by threes and marched to dining-hall; doors 14 and 61 unlocked; doors 19 and 54 locked; Steward in charge of basement.
7.40	7.40	Bell rings; prisoners rise, march back to cells in same order as week days, and officers relieve for breakfast.
8.30	8.30	Bell rings; orderlies clean up; chapel for Roman Catholics.
10.30	10.30	Bell rings; officers' parade; prison orders, rules and regulations, &c., read to prisoners; books issued from library.
12.20	12.20	Dinner prepared as on week days, but brought in prison by Steward and assistant, and placed in each cell
12.25	12.25	Bell rings for dinner; Chief Keeper and guard on prison duty unlock cells, and dinner taken into cells.
1.30	1.30	Bell rings; dinner things collected.
1.40	1.40	Chapel, by arrangements made by Chaplains; after service, Chaplains visit convicts in cells; convicts having privilege, write letters.
4.30	4.00	Night-tubs brought into prison.
5.00	4.30	Bell rings for locking up; reports collected, and other duties carried on as on week days; night and patrol guards posted.

S. L. BEDSON, *Warden.*

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, PENITENTIARIES BRANCH,
ASSISTANT INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,
BURRARD INLET, B.C., 1st Sept., 1879.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit my first Annual Report on the condition of the British Columbia Penitentiary. My appointment as Assistant Inspector dates from the 1st January, 1879, and in that capacity I made my first official visit of inspection on the 23rd and 24th of the same month.

My present duty will be confined to a statement of the condition of the building at the time of my appointment, without adverting in any way to changes of site or matters of architecture, which necessarily come more directly within the province of the Dominion Architect.

In walking through the corridors adjacent to the cells, I noticed that the flooring (oak) was in a defective state from shrinkage, it having been laid down when insufficiently seasoned. This defect has materially interfered with the proper cleaning of the floors, as it allows the water to run down between the opened seams and through the ceilings beneath. I found part of the basement in an extremely damp condition, and I was informed by the Warden at the time that he had found it necessary to remove books and other articles from this part of the building to prevent them being destroyed. One of the principal causes of this has been recently discovered. On excavating the earth on the upper or north-western aspect of the building to the depth of ten feet, two large springs were met with and found pouring their waters into and around the lower part of the basement of the building. A large stone drain was accordingly constructed by the convicts, for the double purpose of draining these and conveying away the surplus water descending from the sloping ground above. The effect of this drainage has been to materially improve the state of the basement, by rendering it drier than it has been since the opening of the Penitentiary. The dining hall, which is in the basement, has not been in use, the Warden and Chief