

BILL.

An Act to provide for a better system of discipline, and for a more economical management of Gaols, and for the erection and maintenance of a House of Correction for Juvenile Offenders.

WHEREAS the management of the Gaols of this Province has been unsatisfactory, irregular and unnecessarily expensive, and it is desirable that a uniform system of discipline and management should be devised for their administration, and that juvenile offenders should be placed in a separate place of confinement from older and more hardened offenders and under an influence suited to their years ; Be it, therefore, enacted, &c.

Preamble.

That it shall be the duty of the Inspectors of the Provincial Penitentiary, to visit and inspect, either separately or jointly, at least once in each year, all the gaols or other prisons and houses of detention in the Province, and at each such visit, they or he shall examine and inquire into all matters connected with the government, discipline and police of each prison, and into its state and condition ; as to the conduct of its officers, and whether their duty is efficiently performed, and as to the treatment of the prisoners, and the effect of the discipline upon them : It shall be their duty to examine and inquire into the financial and industrial affairs, and to see that economy and diligence are practised, and proper vouchers and accounts kept of all transactions ; that the food is wholesome and sufficient, that offences are wisely and humanely punished, and that order and cleanliness prevail in the prison.

Inspectors of Penitentiary made Visitors of all gaols, &c. : their duties.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the said Inspectors, once in every year, to consider and adopt a uniform system of discipline and management, not inconsistent with the laws of this Province, for the government of all the said prisons and for the modification and improvement of the structures thereof ; and the said code of regulations shall be transmitted by the said Inspectors immediately after its adoption, to the Provincial Secretary, for the formal approval and sanction of the Governor in Council, and on the receipt of such approval the said Inspectors shall transmit copies of the regulations, certified under their hands and seals, to the County Judge, Sheriff, and Clerk of the Peace of each District and County, and to the Keeper, Gaoler or other chief authority of each gaol in this Province ; and the said regula-

Inspectors to prepare a code of regulations.