

withstanding this the Gaol was throughout perfectly clean and in good order. In view of the utter inadequacy of the Gaol accommodation for the ordinary number of civil prisoners, the presence of military prisoners, who ought not to be there, is very much to be regretted. I suggested that the Sheriff should at once call the attention of the military authorities to the very crowded state of the Gaol, in order that they might take steps to provide for the military prisoners elsewhere.

I was much gratified to find the female prisoners all busily employed sewing and knitting. The matron informed me that besides doing the scrubbing and washing of the Prison, and making and mending the prisoners clothes, the women earn something by knitting socks, &c., for the city stores.

The personal cleanliness of the prisoners appears to be carefully attended to. The supply of clothing for the male prisoners is, however, quite inadequate. All are supplied with shirts, but the other clothing is given to those prisoners only whose sentences exceed 30 days.

The bedding appeared clean, but the beds are supplied with but one sheet, whereas the rules require two.

Some of the prisoners complained of the cold of the stone floors of their cells. I recommended placing boards beside the beds. This seems very necessary in winter, or in case of sickness.

The Gaoler, who had not been many months in office, appears active and intelligent.

In reference to the manifest insufficiency of the present Gaol for the wants of the populous County of Wentworth and the City of Hamilton, it may not be out of place to observe that the Board, in 1865, made a formal report to the Government on the subject, and recommended that the Executive should take measures to secure the immediate erection of a new Gaol at Hamilton.

L'ORIGINAL.

(United Counties of Prescott and Russell).

I visited this Gaol on the 24th June. Found but one prisoner, a dangerous lunatic, in confinement. The Gaol was clean throughout. I was pleased to find that the number of prisoners confined in the Gaol since the beginning of the year had been unusually small.

The Prison Regulations have been systematically neglected in this Gaol, in several particulars specially mentioned in previous reports. The visiting Inspectors have again and again in their memoranda in the Inspectors' book, called the attention of the local authorities to their neglect of the regulations, but hitherto unhappily without effect.

NAPANEE.

(United Counties of Lennox and Addington).

I visited this Gaol on the 22nd of September. There were then four prisoners, all males, in the Prison. Of these one was confined as a dangerous lunatic.

The Gaol generally was clean, but the principal yard was not as clean as it ought to have been.

The local authorities have neglected to supply the necessary prison clothing, although their attention has repeatedly been called to the matter by the visiting Inspectors. The unfortunate lunatic whom I found in Prison was very insufficiently clad. It is true that the poor creature was very filthy in his habits, and that the Gaol was no proper place for him. But while there it is the bounden duty of the authorities that he should be cared for with humanity and provided with at least sufficient clothing for warmth and decency.

I directed the attention of the authorities to the unsafe state of the locks of the cell doors.

OTTAWA.

(County of Carleton).

I visited this Gaol on the 15th February, accompanied by the Surgeon of the Gaol, Dr. Grant.

The whole of the Gaol was as usual, clean, and in good order. I was gratified to