

Paul. Now, he (Mr. Bellerose) could not let such a gross misstatement of facts pass, without giving it a most complete denial. If there was a place where such institutions could be worked with economy, it was certainly at St. Vincent de Paul; but he was free to admit, that whatever be the locality where such institutions are situated, they would always be a heavy burden on the public treasury if they were administered on the principles carried on at St. Vincent de Paul, as hon. gentlemen will see. At the large Penitentiary of Kingston, with a number of four to six hundred prisoners, sixty-six employees are considered sufficient to maintain good order and good discipline, while at St. Vincent de Paul fifty employees are not sufficient to maintain that small institution in good working order. He knew that it would be objected that a small penitentiary necessitated a comparatively greater number of employees than a large one, so he would compare small penitentiaries together. He would compare that of St. Vincent de Paul with that of St. John's, N. B. At St. John's, twenty employees are considered quite sufficient to the good management of the Penitentiary containing one hundred and four prisoners of both sexes, and so requiring a double staff of officers. While at St. Vincent de Paul fifty employees are not sufficient for an establishment containing about one hundred and twenty or one hundred and thirty prisoners of the male sex only. Now, throwing a glance over salaries, what does he find? While at the large Penitentiary of Kingston less than \$40,000 are paid for salaries; over \$30,000 are paid at St. Vincent de Paul, and less than \$10,000 at St. John's. The gentlemen who have given evidence before the Committee of the Commons, and principally the Warden of the Penitentiary of St. Vincent de Paul, except they were actuated by strong feelings against the citizens of that locality, could not have made such statements, knowing as they did what has just been stated, and much more concerning the administration of that establishment. Have those gentlemen forgotten that only on the purchase of firewood for that institution the public treasury has unjustly sus-

tained a loss of a few hundred dollars during the last twelve months, not speaking of previous years? Do they not know that while the Warden of the large Penitentiary of Kingston receives a salary of \$2,600, and the Warden of that of St. John's, \$1,000 only. He, the Warden of St. Vincent de Paul, has a salary of \$2,600, though he is at the head of an institution presently small, and which will be such so long as room will not have been provided at St. Vincent de Paul for the prisoners which the Province of Quebec has still at Kingston under the charge of the Warden of that institution. Those gentlemen must know how necessary it is to the economical administration of such institutions, and the maintaining of good discipline that the Warden or *head man* do attend regularly to his various duties inside the establishment, while they cannot ignore how very frequently the Warden at St. Vincent de Paul is absent on outside duties which his officers ought to fulfill; such as providing in Montreal and elsewhere for the many articles required for the store of the institution. The hon. gentleman then went on to show the very many weak parts of the administration of that Penitentiary on an economical point of view, adding that he did not hesitate to state from his seat that there were many other abuses which he hoped would now soon disappear, since the Government had succeeded in carrying their bill concerning the administration of penitentiaries of which so much good had been said. He had now only one word to add before he resumed his seat, and it was this: He wished it to be understood that in going over the grounds he had gone, he had not done so with the intention of insinuating that the present Government were responsible for all the evils referred to; on the contrary, feeling as he did that his duty towards the country, and towards the people he had so long represented in another part of the building, demanded that he would give an answer to the statements made before the Committee adverted to, he thought that it would be an advantage to the present Government to hear his criticism, and help them in their endeavours to make the Penitentiary