

have failed in their efforts to induce a few recalcitrant Municipalities to alter their Gaols as the Statute authorizes, the responsibility cannot fairly be charged to the Inspectors.

"The powers of the Inspectors under the Statute are very limited. They may reason and remonstrate with the County authorities; and when their reasoning and remonstrances prove unavailing, they can refer the matter to the Executive Government. This they have done—more they have no power to do.

"The Inspectors have indeed strongly represented to the Government the necessity of amending the present law in as far as it relates to the alteration and improvement of defective Gaols, so as to provide more summary means of enforcing compliance with its salutary requirements."

## COMMON GAOLS FOR LOWER CANADA.

### CHICOUTIMI.

(*District of Chicoutimi*).

The Sheriff of this District communicated to the Board a letter addressed to him by the Surgeon of the District Gaol in May last, in which that officer recommended certain sanitary measures being taken in that Gaol in anticipation of the appearance of cholera in the Province.

The communication of the Surgeon of the Gaol was elicited by the general circular elsewhere referred to, addressed by the Board, in the month of February, to the Sheriffs of Upper and Lower Canada, urging the necessity of taking steps to place the hygiene of their respective Gaols in as favorable a state as possible in the event of cholera unhappily shewing itself in the country.

The District Inspector, Dr. Tassé, having reported in his double capacity as an Inspector and Medical Practitioner, on the letter of the Surgeon, a copy of Dr. Tassé's Report, together with that of the Surgeon, was communicated to the Honorable the Provincial Secretary with the recommendation of the Board that the suggestions of the Surgeon should be acted on.

Those suggestions, it may be proper to state, pointed mainly to certain defects in the drainage and in the privies of the Gaol.

### MONTREAL.

(*District of Montreal*).

The two Members of the Board residing near Montreal jointly visited that Gaol early in January, and believing that the consequences could not fail to be most disastrous if cholera were to make its appearance among the prisoners in this greatly over-crowded and ill-constructed prison, they requested the Surgeon of the Gaol to make a Report without delay as to the measures in his opinion most advisable, with a view to provide the necessary hospital accommodation, &c., in the event of such a contingency arising.

The Surgeon of the Gaol lost no time in reporting his views on the matter, and strongly recommended, as the best temporary arrangement that could be adopted, the erection in the Gaol yard of a detached building to be used as an Hospital in case of necessity for prisoners attacked with cholera.

The Board entirely approved of the suggestions of Dr. Beaubien, and communicated a copy of his Report to the Provincial Secretary, with their recommendation that Dr. Beaubien's suggestions should be carried out.

### QUEBEC.

(*District of Quebec*).

In compliance with instructions from the Honorable Commissioner of Public Works, the Local Inspector of this District visited the new Gaol, accompanied by the Gaol Architect and the Sheriff, in the month of November, for the purpose of reporting on the work still remaining to be done, to fit the Gaol for the reception of prisoners.