

to the Board, by the Rev. Mr. Broughall on his return, which has already been printed and circulated.

The immediate effect was that the Corporation on the recommendation of his Worship the Mayor, cheerfully granted the necessary funds to carry out the objects recommended in the Report.

For the first object, viz.: The erection of additional buildings with baths and dormitories, the sum of \$10,000 was granted, full details of which are furnished in the accompanying report of the Standing Committee of the House, having the matter in charge. It will be observed that although the grant was only decided on in the month of October, the Committee were enabled, by strenuous efforts, to make such progress, by the beginning of the year that the benefits, to a large extent, were enjoyed during the most severe portion of the season. Sometime, however, before the end of the winter, the whole was in perfect working order, with the exception of the steam disinfecting system, which is to be used instead of the sulphur. We are happy to state that the grant will be sufficient to cover the whole expense of the building and its requirements.

For the second object, viz.: the labor test, the sum of \$2000 was granted.

By reference to the Treasurer's statement of this grant, it will be observed, that while a portion of the expense connected with this department has hitherto been charged against the revenue for inmates, it will require a similar yearly grant to maintain this new and important branch. By reference to the Committee's report on the subject, it will be seen that the number of casuals is less—by upwards of 4000—than last year. The remainder would have been very greatly lessened had the present system of dealing with the casual poor been ready at the beginning of the season. The number is also increased by the spring migratory tribe on its way west, by halting for a night to enjoy the cleansing process of the House.

Owing to the mild character of the early part of the season, the demand for outdoor relief was not so pressing as last year. It will be observed by the returns appended 1280 families of