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 MANITOBA PENITENTIARY.

Not yet having paid a visit to this Penitentiary, I can do no more than submit the reports of the Warden and Chaplains, along with the statistical returns.

It is my belief that the administration is well conducted. I have not heard of anything during the year to induce a contrary opinion.

The reports of the Acting Chaplains tend to show that the Warden fulfils his trust in an efficient manner. The great distance of this Penitentiary from the centre of Administration, and from the source of the advice and information which must be sometimes required, cannot but prove embarrassing to the Warden. He can, of course, in any emergency, telegraph for instructions, but, on the whole, he has to depend almost entirely on his own judgment and discretion. I think he has exercised these faculties wisely and well.

The number of convicts on 31st December, 1875, was 17; on the same date, 1876, there were 15.

The transfer of the convicts from the temporary Penitentiary, at Stone Fort, to the new one at Stony Mountain, is to take place to-morrow, 1st February.

I would beg leave to recommend that the financial affairs of this Penitentiary be conducted, as heretofore, by the Finance Department, until the expiration of the present fiscal year.

The Warden has frequently represented the necessity of a visit by the Inspector after the occupation of the new Penitentiary. For the reasons advanced in my last annual Report, I request your consideration on this point.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA PENITENTIARY.

The new Penitentiary for this Province will be soon completed.

It is possible, however, that the convicts will not be removed there before the 1st of next July. They are still confined in the jails of Victoria and New Westminster.

According to your instruction, every possible information is being collected that may prove useful in connection with the opening and organization of the new Institution.

Permit me, Sir, in closing this Report, to thank you, personally, for the uniform courtesy and kindness which I have received at your hands, whenever I had occasion to meet you in my official capacity.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

J. G. MOYLAN.

OTTAWA, January 31st, 1876.