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APPENDIX B.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE POOR HOUSE.

*To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Welland, in Council Assembled :*

Your Committee appointed for the purpose of collecting information and making investigations respecting the management of Poor Houses in this Province, have the honor to report as follows :

Your Committee met in the Town of Welland upon Tuesday, May 3rd, and proceeded the same afternoon to Simcoe, in the County of Norfolk. The next morning, accompanied by James Ermatinger, Esq., County Clerk, and F. J. Cope, Esq., Deputy-Reeve, they visited the Industrial Home and Poor House, which is situated about two miles from that place.

This building is a plain but substantial brick edifice, which will comfortably accommodate fifty inmates. The original cost of this building, which was erected to replace a wooden structure destroyed by fire in 1869, is stated at \$2,020, but it has since been enlarged and improved at a total expenditure of about \$4,000. A steam heating apparatus has been recently introduced, and there are now but two stoves used in the entire building. The farm attached consists of one hundred acres. It is irregular in outline, being intersected