

No disease of an endemic or epidemic character prevailed, and no case of death occurred.

The prevailing diseases during the winter and spring months, were catarrh, tonsillitis, bronchitis, pneumonia, pleuritis, and rheumatism, and during the summer and autumn months, diarrhoea, dysentery, and sporadic cholera.

The hospital cases were as follows:—One asthma, four of cardiac disease, four of bronchitis, three of pleuritis, two of pneumonia, four of hæmoptysis, three of tonsillitis, four of acute rheumatism, two of sporadic cholera, two of peritonitis, two of colic, one of hæmorrhoids, one removal of encysted tumor of forehead, two of tenia solium, one of herpes zoster, one of secondary syphilis, one of epilepsy, two of ischuria, one of dysentery.

The hygienic condition of the prison generally is satisfactory, and owing to good ventilation and efficient drainage, the convicts have been exempt from those low forms of fever, which have at times caused great mortality in institutions less favorably situated, and which have prevailed extensively during the last few months in the neighboring city.

I cannot close this Report without bearing testimony to the efficient manner in which the affairs of the prison are conducted by the Acting Warden, Mr. Ross, who is ever ready to render me all necessary assistance in the prosecution of my duties.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient Servant,

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOLMASTER OF THE HALIFAX PENITENTIARY, FOR 1869.

HALIFAX, 1st January, 1870.

To Messrs. the Directors of Penitentiaries, Asylums, &c.,  
for the Dominion of Canada.

GENTLEMEN,—In respectfully submitting to you the following Report, I have great pleasure in stating, that the school under my charge has never been in so satisfactory a condition as it is at present. My duties have been rendered much more pleasant than formerly, through the kind and effectual support of Mr. Ross, Acting Warden, and the encouragement of the Chaplains, Mr. Pope and Mr. Daly. My pupils have been more docile and attentive than ever, and evinced an unusual anxiety to learn—a feeling to which I have responded to the best of my ability. Moreover, there have been very few instances, indeed, in which I had cause to complain of their conduct while in school, which in general has been quite exemplary.

The attendance has been larger than during any previous year, being an average of about 35. The smallest number (27) was in January, the largest (43) in July.

*Present attendance, per School Register.*

White.....	24
Colored .....	7
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Total .....	31
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Protestant .....	18
Catholic .....	13
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Total .....	31
	58