

# SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF INSPECTORS

OF

## ASYLUMS, PRISONS, &C.,

FOR THE YEAR 1866.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES STANLEY, Viscount  
MONCK, Governor General of Canada, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

The Board of Inspectors of Asylums, Prisons, &c., have the honor to submit, for the information of Your Excellency, under the provisions of cap. 110 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, their Sixth Annual Report on the several Institutions placed by that Act under their supervision.

Anticipating that the consideration of the many momentous questions involved in the legislation for the changes which British North America was about to undergo, would occupy all the time and attention of the Government at the period when the report of the Inspectors was usually laid before it, the Inspectors deemed it their duty to transmit promptly from time to time, during the preceding twelve months, full Special Reports on all important matters as they occurred, for the information and action of the Executive Government.

The Inspectors are accordingly relieved from the necessity of referring in this Report to many matters which would, under ordinary circumstances, have naturally found a place in it.

In the last Annual Report the Inspectors took occasion to explain with tolerable fullness their views in relation to the various classes of institutions, charitable and penal, with which they are called upon to deal. In that Report, and in preceding Reports also, the Inspectors stated their opinions as to the steps, Legislative or otherwise, which should be taken in order to render these institutions more efficient, and to place them more nearly on a footing with the model institutions of the Old World. The experience of another year has only confirmed the Board in the opinions expressed in those Reports.

As, however, this is probably the last opportunity the Board of Inspectors, as at present organized, will have of formally submitting their views to the Government on the many interesting and important social questions to which so much of their time and atten-