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hammers, &c., we have a total expenditure, directly and indirectly on stone-breaking, of \$2,905.41. The quantity of broken stone sold was fifty-two thousand seven hundred and thirty-six bushels, at five cents a bushel.

The Central Board regret that it has not been found practicable during the year to make suitable arrangements for the employment of indigent females to any greater extent than formerly.

The gratuitous relief afforded was chiefly dispensed in the months of January, February and March. Summing up the monthly returns of the visitors (in which the repetition of the same names of course occurs), we find an enumeration as of seven hundred and one families, comprising nineteen hundred and sixty-three persons relieved in the above months, when the following quantities of provisions were supplied:—

	Bushels of Coal.	Feet of wood.	Loaves of bread.	Lbs. of Cornmeal.	Lbs. of Oatmeal.	Galls. of Molasses.
January.....	739	8	796½	317	832	91½
February.....	1188½	12	1157	356	1167	144½
March.....	840	71½	904	203	892	121½
	2767½	97½	2857½	876	2891	357½

SICK POOR.

Tea.	Sugar.	Rice.	Flour.	Beef.	2 lbs. Candles.
bs., 46½	lbs., 97½	lbs., 71	lbs., 50	lbs., 9	½ lb. Arrowroot.
					1 lb. Barley.

The Central Board make grateful recognition of the fact that hitherto no special appeal on behalf of the funds of the association has been found necessary. The spontaneous contributions of its friends, in excess of the amounts required to constitute them members, have enabled the Treasurer to make his account balance at the end of every year without showing any very serious deficiency. There have, however, been times when the Association was in debt to the Treasurer; and the Board would request its members to make their contributions as early in the season as they may find to be convenient.

On behalf of the Central Board.

JOHN DOULL, President.

M. H. RICHEY, Secretary.

Halifax, 1st November, 1872.

man Stone 47,829 bushels broken; been self. and
 47 were employed
 47 to 61
 an average 5 men employed
 Can break abt 20 bushels a day if fr 2 to 84 a week