
autumn I purchased eighty sheep, sixty of which I wintered. These produced 295 lbs. of wool, and raised sixty lambs. I intend this fall to make the flock up to about 200 graded ewes, as I am satisfied this will be the most remunerative branch of our farming operations; and a large portion of our land is well adapted for sheep raising.

The general health of the prison for the year has been satisfactory. Our hospital answers for the ordinary sick convicts, but it affords very little security against escape, without the constant attendance of a guard. I would recommend that two large cells be constructed in the new wing now being built, to provide for the better security of long-term convicts during sickness, and for those who may be suspected of feigning sickness for the purpose of escape. This would obviate the necessity of a special watch in such cases.

The number of female convicts remained the same during the year, viz., five. It is almost impossible to have the government of this branch of the institution what it should be, without having separate cells for the prisoners. We have only two rooms for use as cells, and should the number of prisoners be increased, this difficulty ought to be removed, although, from the construction of the building, it will be hard to do. However, when you next visit us, you will be able to give the matter your personal attention.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

BLAIR BOTSFORD,
Warden.

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