

REPORT OF CASUAL POOR COMMITTEE.

To the Board of the House of Industry :

The number of those who came from outside the city was 1,094, as against 948 the year before. The number of those who were sheltered not more than three nights was 827. The increase in this class of men, your Committee believes, was largely due to the fact that stone was not supplied at the beginning of the season in sufficient quantity to apply properly the labor test. Aldermen Hubbard and Jolliffe gave notice at the City Hall in October of the quantity which would be required for the House, but by some oversight the matter was not attended to. The quantity of stone broken by the men at the Lodge during the past year was $97\frac{1}{4}$ toise ; the largest quantity of stone broken in any one year since the Lodge was opened. The details of expenditure are given below.

Number of persons, 1,094 ; number of nights, 4,433 ; cost, \$390.94.

The total number of men, therefore, in the Wayfarer's Lodge last year was 1,535. These were in addition to the above 68 women.

Continuing the plan adopted last year of dividing those who were sheltered in the Wayfarer's Lodge for the past year into two classes, viz. (1) the homeless poor of Toronto, and (2) those who came from places outside the city limits, there were of the first class 441, as against 450 the preceding year, sheltered in the Lodge during the year, 1st April, 1896, to 1st April, 1897. Of these 441 persons 154 were sheltered not more than three nights. The highest number of nights that any one of this class was in the Lodge was 173. The total amount of expense for maintenance is given in detail below.

Number of nights, 10,929, cost, \$1,560.30.

HOUSE OF INDUSTRY.

Casuals admitted from April, 1896, to March, 1897.

MEN.		NIGHTS.	MEN.		NIGHTS.
438	1	438	31	6	186
244	2	488	21	7	147
145	3	435	8	8	64
72	4	288	10	9	90
45	5	225	5	10	50