

The turnkey, responsible for custody of Daniels, being a very good and efficient officer, I did not discharge him, but made him pay all costs in connection with the search and removed him from day to night duty.

I have since learned that Daniels is somewhere on the shore of Lake Winnipeg, and I have made arrangements with some Indians and traders to capture him, and have supplied them with handcuffs and have promised a reward of \$25 on his being returned to my custody.

On the 16th October the Grand Jury visited me and made a thorough investigation into the management of the prison and heard any complaints the convicts had to make.

On the 28th of same month convict No. 7, Baptiste Larocque, died after an illness of seven months from consumption, and on the 30th, convict No. 8, Harvey Lennox, died. He had been ill before his sentence (11th June, 1873) and up to the time of his death was always on the sick list; he died of heart disease. Surgeon's reports were sent to the Department of Justice immediately after both the above occurrences, and knowing the whereabouts of both these convicts' relatives I communicated the facts to them.

On the 18th December my head turnkey was violently assaulted by a lunatic named Robinson, while in the act of locking him up for the night. The officer was very badly hurt before the other officers had time to reach him, and was unable to attend to his duties for several days in consequence.

I made several applications to the Local Government during the year for a sum of money to put up a small building inside the walls of the prison where all lunatics could be kept, but they did not comply with my request until after the above occurrence took place, when upon the representations I made, His Honor The Lieutenant-Governor, The Honorable Messrs. Davis and Norquay visited me, and agreed to the suggestions I made at different periods during the year, and they arranged to allow me a sufficient sum of money to put up a building. I am now having it built, and when completed my duties and those of the other officers will be greatly lessened, as the presence of lunatics among convicts has a most undesirable effect, and makes it difficult to maintain the discipline necessary in institutions of this kind.

I omitted to state in former reports that my turnkeys when in charge of convicts outside the yard are armed with repeating carbines, slung over their shoulder, and a revolver and pair of handcuffs attached to their belt. I instruct them in rifle and revolver practice, my object in so doing is to accustom them (should it be necessary) in firing at a run-away convict, to maim him and not kill.

During the year I compiled an abbreviated form of shot exercises for the prison, but as yet I have not brought it into use, the convicts being so far constantly employed in work about the prison.

I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the general efficiency, attention and good conduct of the prison officials.

I regret to state that one of my turnkeys, in March last, hurt himself severely by slipping on the ice while on duty, and injured his hip-joint. Up to the 24th November he was unable to perform any duty, but from that date has been in charge of the hospital ward, being the only duty he could perform.

Since the Local Government relinquished supervision of the Institution, the Assistant Receiver-General, G. McMicken, Esq., has frequently visited.

I send along with this a ground-plan, showing the situation of the Penitentiary and the buildings that have been erected by me; these can be readily removed as they are built of logs set in frames.

I also enclose herewith the Protestant and Roman Catholic Chaplains' Reports, the Surgeon's Return, and Returns of Punishments Inflicted, Value of Labor, Criminal Statistical Return, Shoe Shop Accounts, Movements of Prisoners, Different Offences Committed, Number of Days' Remission Earned, Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the fiscal year ended 30th June last, together with the different printed forms compiled and adopted by me in the management of the prison.